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First foreign target

Italian Red Brigades kidnap U.S. general

ROME, Dec. 18 (R) — The Red Brigade kidnapers of a U.S. Army general Friday defied a massive police dragnet in northern Italy as Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini chaired an emergency meeting of security chiefs and key ministers in Rome.

Thousands of police set up road-blocks throughout the north to find Brig. Gen. James Dozier the senior NATO officer snatched from his Verona home Thursday night by a commando of four or five guerrillas. "This is certainly a quantum leap in the strategy of terrorism," Spadolini said after hearing reports from police and counter-espionage chiefs and ministers.

Spadolini was left in no doubt Friday about U.S. concern. He said he had received messages from President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. No details were disclosed. The Brigades, Italy's most resilient and ruthless urban guerrillas, have never before selected a foreign target in their 10-year history of killings, abductions and bombings.

They claimed responsibility Thursday night in Milan, some 160 kms from Verona. If they follow their own precedent, a communique with their motives and demands will come within days.

Over a year after arriving in Italy from Texas, the general speaks virtually no Italian, although he understands some, the spokesman said. So for the first time, the Brigades will need an interpreter for their exhaustive questioning in a "people's prison."

Dozier, a Vietnam veteran aged 50, the highest-ranking U.S. Army officer in southern Europe. As deputy chief of staff for logistics administration for allied land forces at

the NATO headquarters in Verona, he had access to secret military information which the Brigades will certainly try to extract during interrogation.

President Ronald Reagan Friday denounced the captors of the U.S. army general as "cowardly bums" and said the United States is doing everything it can to secure his release. "They don't have a cause that justifies what they're doing," Reagan said of the captors of Dozier. "They're cowards," Reagan charged. "They wouldn't have the guts to stand up to anyone individually in any kind of a fair contest."

Reagan, questioned about the incident during a meeting with automakers, said "I think that everything is to be done that can be done. This is, I think, a terrible situation. It's a most frustrating situation."

Latest interior ministry figures show that 444 Red Brigades are now in jail but Thursday night's kidnapping confirms yet again that official claims to have crushed them are premature. The Brigades have carried out four kidnappings this year. Two of the victims were killed and two set free.

Dozier's wife, Judith, was staying with



Brig. Gen. James Lee Dozier

Italian friends Friday, a NATO spokesman said. The kidnapers disguised as plumbers burst into the Dozier's apartment and bound and gagged her before bundling her husband into a trunk.

The gang, whose hired Fiat getaway van was found in Verona early Friday, had four hours to make good their escape before Mrs. Dozier raised the alarm by banging on walls and floors. Their son Scott, 23, lives in the United States, but the NATO spokesman said Cherry, their 22-year-old daughter, was expected to arrive Friday from West Germany, where she lives.

Dozier has full troop knowledge

ROME, Dec. 18 (AFP) — U.S. Army Gen. James Lee Dozier, the 50-year-old deputy commander of NATO's Southern Europe Ground Forces (SEGFF) kidnaped Thursday in Verona by the Red Brigades Commando, was in charge of logistics and administration for the southern European ground forces of the alliance.

He supervised all SEGFF personnel, equipment, heavy artillery, infrastructure and telecommunications. He, therefore, had information on the number and types of tanks, armored vehicles and cannons held by the Italian military forces, general American troop strength and firing capacity in southern Europe, arms upgrading programs, and the location of military spare parts plants and spare part programs.

Gen. Dozier was also well-informed on inter-command telecommunications and scheduled changes of future communications networks. As deputy NATO SEGFF commander, he was also in charge of new equipment deliveries and the upgrading and use of all infrastructure means.

But SEGFF command operations were handled by another NATO commander, an Italian general.

Reagan committed to defend ally

Quit Golan, U.N. tells Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) — The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution Thursday night declaring that Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights was null and void. The council demanded Israel to rescind its annexation decision. (See the text of the resolution.)

In the meantime, President Ronald Reagan criticized Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights but said it constituted no abuse on American friendship and did not lessen Washington's "moral obligation" to defend the Zionist state's right to exist. "I wish I had had a little warning," Reagan said in a televised interview. But he said that the move violates United Nations resolutions 242 and 338 and would complicate efforts to reach a Middle East peace.

The U.S. president, who "deplored" the Israeli action at a news conference Thursday, added Friday however that he was "still totally dedicated to the belief in our moral obligation" to defend Israel.

In the meantime unconfirmed reports said in Washington, that the Reagan administration was planning to suspend the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement because of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

It said that an announcement of the action was expected Friday evening at the State Department.

In Tel Aviv, Israel Friday totally rejected the United Nations resolution demanding the rescinding of its annexation of the Golan Heights, according to government officials.



ISRAELI CANNONS FOR GOLAN: Israel has moved large military hardware to the Golan Heights after illegally annexing the occupied area Sunday. Picture shows an Israeli self-propelled cannon being transported to position despite the U.N. resolution calling upon the Zionist state to rescind the annexation decision.

violate the Geneva Convention, which prohibits nations from annexing occupied areas. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union Friday condemned Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights as a gross violation of international law.

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As workers become restive

Polish Army finds it tough

SAW, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — As the sixth day dawned since what the Poles now call "Black Sunday," it became increasingly apparent Friday that the Polish army is having great difficulty in imposing martial law. The Roman Catholic church has now openly allied with Solidarity, and thus breathed new life into an independent union movement that earlier this week appeared to be in tatters with all its top leaders imprisoned or in hiding.

The Polish media Thursday made its first acknowledgement of bloodshed — seven killed and 80 injured in clashes in a Silesian mine and 324 injured in a demonstration in Gdansk — and acknowledged that Poles were misunderstanding the reasons for martial law. The radio even expressed "worry" over "continued instigation to strike," and said the army had "intervened in a number of enterprises." Even Soviet officials Thursday acknowledged pockets of strong resistance along the Baltic.

Martial law authorities in Poland have opened a censored telex line for correspondents, Associated Press said in a message from Warsaw on Friday, a Bonn report said. It was the first news communication permitted from the Polish capital since martial law was declared a week ago. The reporter Thomas Netter said correspondents would be able to report only what was carried in the official media and what they are able to see. Interviews or quotes would not be allowed, he said.

(In Paris, a reliable source said the Polish government Friday stopped jamming the radio communications of Western embassies in Warsaw, including those of the United States and France. Several Western governments had lodged strong protests with Polish embassies in their own countries, and the U.S. had threatened to jam the transmissions of the Polish Embassy in Washington, the source said.)

Although Polish authorities have confirmed that Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was under arrest near Warsaw for refusing to appeal for calm, reports said two Solidarity's presidium may have escaped detention, along with an undetermined number of regional leaders. The city of Gdansk, which was cut off from Warsaw Friday, was a major union center, and reports reaching here said union leaders had created a clandestine national strike committee inside a shipyard.

A French radio reporter said the Lenin Shipyards in Gdansk were blockaded by occupying workers, while 11 or 12 coal mines were being held by miners in Silesia. He added that many workers were conducting passive work stoppages. The reporter also said Solidarity militants had to dissuade Warsaw residents from marching in the streets Thursday to commemorate the Dec. 17, 1970 worker uprisings in Gdansk, in which dozens of protesters were shot.

Some of the Solidarity militants were reported to be seeking refuge in churches. The public at large, according to reports, was afraid to mention the union by name, but had

largely heeded circulated calls for passive resistance. Polish Army personnel in civilian clothes were driving buses and trams. *The Times of London* reported, as soldiers with bayonets and tanks patrolled the streets.

Meanwhile, Poland's bishops warned that the people are disgusted and determined in the wake of the military takeover, in a message that was smuggled out of the country and reached Paris Thursday night. "Our grief is that of a nation terrorized by military force. Many union militants have been interned... Strikes have been proclaimed in many enterprises," the message said.

"Uncertainties and powerlessness of the workers increase the emotions of bitterness, disgust, extreme hatred and determinations," it added. "This dramatic determination of the authorities to decree martial law is a blow to social expectations when people thought the problems could be settled through national entente," the statement said. "Society's moral feelings are deeply wounded by the drastic reduction of civil rights... The time will come when we will know the whole truth on the reasons for introducing the state of emergency."

The church also called for the release of a reported 45,000 persons who had been arrested, and charged that some of the detainees were being held under inhumane conditions. Western diplomats in Warsaw have charged that two concentration camps have been set up to hold those arrested. *The Financial Times* newspaper reported in London.

Those arrested might include two men elected to the Communist Party politburo last July, the diplomats said — Jan Labecki, former party secretary at the Lenin Shipyards, and Hieronim Kubliak. Polish radio also said it had rounded up a number of inefficient bureaucrats and officials, and had sacked some enterprise leaders for failing to enforce martial law.

In Washington, President Reagan has laid much of the blame on the Soviet Union for the Polish government's harsh crackdown on the Solidarity movement and threatened to cut off all U.S. aid if the crisis continues. "It would be naive to think this could happen without the full knowledge and the support of the Soviet Union," he said at a press conference Thursday.

He denounced the imposition last Sunday of martial law and the subsequent arrest of dissidents as "coercion and violation of human rights on a massive scale." He pointed to the suspension earlier this week of U.S. food aid to Poland but repeatedly refused to spell out what further responses the U.S. or its allies might adopt, particularly if Moscow directly intervened.

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Text of U.N. resolution

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) — Following is the text of the draft resolution circulated in the Security Council Friday demanding that Israel rescind forthwith its annexation of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights region.

The Security Council, having considered the letter of 14 December 1981 from the permanent representative of the Syrian Arab Republic contained in document S/14791.

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1. Decides that the Israeli decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights is null and void.

2. Demands that Israel, the occupying power, should rescind forthwith its decision.

3. Determines that all the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war of

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Fahd begins Japan visit Jan. 11

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (R) — Crown Prince Fahd will make a four-day official visit to Japan from Jan. 11, the Foreign Ministry said here Friday.

During his stay, the Crown Prince, also First Deputy Prime Minister, will discuss with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki on both the

international and Middle-East situation, and bilateral economic cooperation, it said. He will also meet with Emperor Hirohito.

Prince Fahd's visit had originally been scheduled for early this month but was postponed to January, the ministry said.

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Air France ranked 2nd in loading

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Air France this year became the world's second-biggest air freight carrier and the biggest in Europe, the airline's air freight director, Jean Rispal, announced at a press conference here Friday.

He said the airline had steadily expanded its air freight business since 1972, when it had ranked only eighth on the list of International Air Transport Association (IATA) members. Rispal said Air France freight traffic had multiplied nearly five times since 1970 to reach a 1981 high of 1,650 million kilometer-tons — giving a turnover of more than \$448 million.

He said the airline's freight section had grown at an average annual rate of 14.3 percent since 1970; and now accounted for 19.8 percent of Air France's takings. Rispal said that last year France was responsible for 9.2 percent of the world's freight traffic compared to an estimated 15.8 percent for the United States, eight percent for Japan and 7.3 percent for West Germany.

He said Paris would this year probably become Europe's freight market capital, for the first time overtaking Frankfurt and London in terms of gross tonnage handled.

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Along Red Sea

Experts discuss coastal development

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — A five-day seminar organized by King Abdul Aziz University's Marine Science Institute ended here with a set of recommendations for the development and exploitation of coastal areas. The recommendations called for combining scientific efforts and knowledge to discover, survey and exploit marine resources. The seminar also called for more efforts to implement the agreement on the protection of the Red Sea from pollution and for the protection and exploitation of marine resources and coral reefs. It recommended more research on various sea water and coastal samples of economic value and for preparing a scientific catalog to help the area's scientists. Other recommendations covered culture and regional cooperation in the administra-

tion of coastal areas. They also advocated more training and exchange of technical views and scientific know-how. Delegates expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to them during their stay in Saudi Arabia. The seminar opened last Sunday under Rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif. It was attended by representatives of American, Japanese, Jordanian, Iraqi, Kuwaiti and Sudanese universities as well as Saudi universities, Jeddah municipality, the Fish Research and Resources Center here, the Joint Saudi-Sudanese Commission for the Exploitation of the Red Sea, and the Saudi Meteorological Department. Meanwhile, it was learned here Friday that Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Planning

Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity, will attend a four-day seminar opening in Manama, Jan. 4, on Gulf coordination and integration in higher education and development. The seminar will be inaugurated by the ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa. The seminar, to be attended by rectors and deans of Gulf universities, aims at acquainting university and higher education officials of Arab Gulf countries with the major requirements of development for the coming 20 years and the way to satisfy them. It will center on the training of senior and professional staff and the orientation of scientific research to remove obstacles in the way to development. It will also discuss vocational training prospects and scientific counsel. Sheikh Yamani will address the seminar on the petroleum energy strategy. Sheikh Nazer will deal with development strategy in Gulf countries, and Dr. Gossabi will talk about the future of industrial strategy in the Gulf. The ministers of development, industry and planning of Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates also will take part in the semi-

King cables Kountche

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — King Khaled Friday cabled his greetings to President Seyni Kountche of Niger on his country's national day. Kountche is the head of the ruling military council. The king expressed his best wishes and cordial and fraternal feelings to the president. He wished him health and happiness and the people of Niger further success in all fields.

Thief's hand severed for robbing 28 homes

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — A man had his hand cut off here Friday after he was found guilty of several robberies. An Interior Ministry statement said that the criminal Khaled Ibrahim Al-Mis'ari, had been caught stealing in the bedroom of a citizen in Eleisha district. The statement said that during the investigation, Mis'ari admitted to having robbed 28 homes and commercial shops. A Sharia court ordered his hand severed from the wrist. The ministry reiterated that it will strike with an iron fist to deter criminals and preserve the security of the country. The sentence was carried out at Justice Square after the noon Friday prayers here.

Naif schedules Bahrain visit to sign security agreement

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif will pay a 24-hour visit to Bahrain Saturday evening at the invitation of his counterpart Sheikh Muhammad ibn Khalifa to sign a security cooperation agreement that calls for the exchange of criminals and for combating crime. The prince will be accompanied by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Jamraz, interior under-secretary for administration; Hamad Al-Shawi, director of the Interior Minister's department; and said Ali Al-Sheblan, the director general of the prince's office for studies and research, as well as other senior officials from the ministry. The action comes in the wake of Bahrain's arrest of 60 Gulf nationals who were involved in an alleged Iranian-backed plot to stage a

revolution in Bahrain during the island's 10th independence day anniversary ceremonies. Senior government sources in Bahrain Wednesday said the group, belonging to the pro-Iranian Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, planned to take ministers hostage and planned to capture the government-owned radio station.

Yemen army chief due

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — North Yemen's Chief-of-General-Staff Lt. Col. Abdul Aziz Al-Barti is scheduled to arrive here Saturday on a short visit to Saudi Arabia for talks with armed forces officials. The visit comes at the invitation of Barti's counterpart Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad.

For King Faisal Foundation

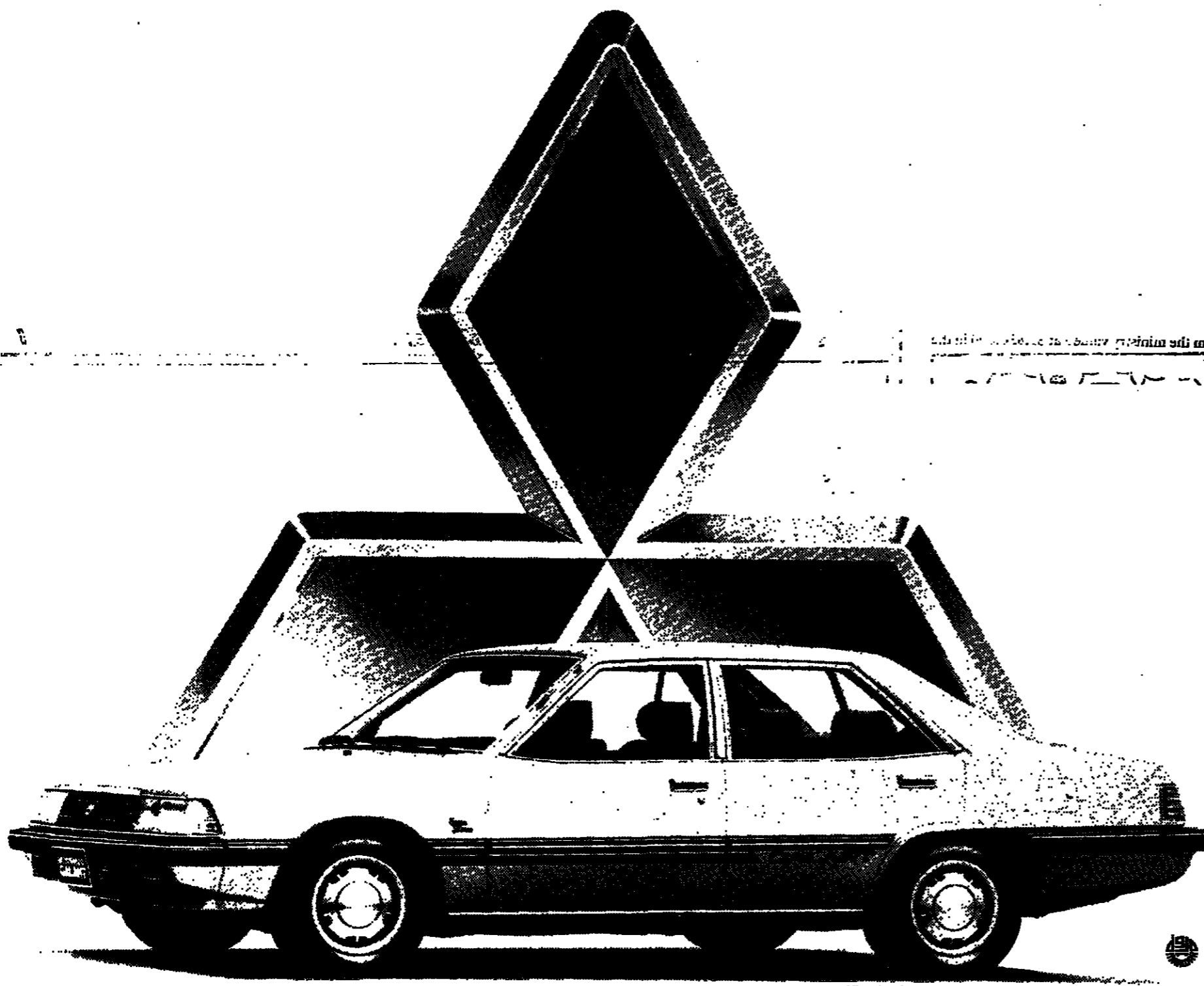
UNESCO to set up Islamic center

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Asir governor and director general of King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation, signed an agreement with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recently to set up the King Faisal Islamic Research and Study Center. According to the agreement, UNESCO will handle the programs, activities and documentation work for the center, which will cost \$9,721,600 and will be ready within

a year. It will comprise a valuable collection of rare Islamic manuscripts, magazines and documents highlighting the varied aspects of Islamic culture. The center also will have a museum on the life of King Faisal and the modern history of Saudi Arabia. UNESCO will train the personnel and help develop Islamic research and studies. Earlier in September, the general Assembly of King Faisal's Welfare Foundation met in Jeddah and approved the final accounts for 1980 and drew an estimated budget for 1981.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:22	3:18	2:49	3:32	2:57	3:22
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Boycott list identifies 17 firms

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — The Saudi boycott of Israel Bureau at the Commerce Ministry this week blacklisted 17 companies, upheld the partial boycott of an American company and its two subsidiaries, removed a major French firm and its 13 subsidiaries and brands and a Filipino ship from the black list.

The newly-boycotted companies are Societe Anonyme du Grand Casino and the Noga Hilton Geneve with its casino (both Swiss); a Canadian firm, Lukenheimer Co.; an Indian firm, Kundalia Industries; and 12 U.S. firms, Condec Corp., N.R.M. Corp., Lukenheimer Canada Ltd., Hammond Valve Corp., Consolidated Diesel Electric Co., Consolidated Controls Corp., Lima Electric Co. Inc., Conval Corp., Conval-Ohio Inc., Conval-Penn. Inc., Unimation, Lukenheimer Valve Corp., and Conval International Ltd.

A partial boycott will continue to apply toward the U.S. firm Sperry Corporation, its French company Sperry Rand France S.A. and its branch in France under the name of Sperry Vickers.

The French firm Dim Rosy has been removed from the black list along with its subsidiaries and following affiliates: Varti (for West Germany); Deldim (Belgium); Beguy Stkandina Viska AB (Sweden); E.R.G. (Choung Kong) Ltd. (Hong Kong); Hanes (Puerto Rico); Caprice (Canada); Dimtex (France); Sagepar (France); Dim-Rosy Itale (France); Rosy Espagne (Spain); Cimetran (France); Degotsey (France) and Dimetran (France). The company's brands have also been removed from the black list.

These include Dim, Dim-Rosy, Dimanche; Tout Dim; Soleil de Dim; Opague de Dim; and Lily-Dim. The boycott will no longer apply also on the Filipino ship *Tindalo*, according to *Ummal-Qura*, the official gazette.

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Chatti cables new U.N. chief

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Jeddah-based, 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, Thursday cabled his congratulations to the new United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez, de Cuellar. Chatti at present is convalescing at Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, after undergoing heart surgery.

Chatti told Perez that he was confident that thanks to his experience in diplomacy and world affairs he will be able to resolve many a world problem during his mandate. He hoped that de Cuellar, by implementing the U.N. Charter, will help put an end to colonialism, imperialism, Zionism and racism and told him that the OIC is looking forward to consolidating the existing relations between the two organizations. He added that the object of such cooperation is to bring about welfare and prosperity to mankind.

A spokesman for the clinic said Friday that Chatti's condition is satisfactory and that he is expected to be discharged in two weeks, and should be able to resume his professional activities in about six weeks.

Chatti, on Thursday, received cables from U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the prime minister and foreign minister of Turkey and the Tunisian premier.

Japanese show desire to aid car safety testing

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — A delegation of Japanese car manufacturers Friday expressed their readiness to help Saudi Arabia set up a car testing laboratory. The project is sponsored by the Saudi Standards Organization.

Interior Minister Prince Naif had approved 12 specifications for cars exported to Saudi Arabia to reduce accidents. The measures relate to brakes, steering wheels, the fans and the doors. The delegation said that it welcomed the standardization of car specifications for all Gulf countries and reacted positively towards the Saudi Arabian specifications.

E. region road begun

DAMMAM, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Work has started on the 16-kilometer Dammam/Alkhubar dual-carriage highway with an estimated cost of SR309,178,580 after three months of preparation.

Sami Fouada, director general of the Eastern Province road department said the work has started on a schedule and that the highway will take two years to complete. It will have 12 lanes in each direction, including six expressways and six for service vehicles. The project also calls for constructing five flyovers.

Social affairs ministry budget increases by 48 percent

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs' Social Welfare Agency's budget increased by 48 percent in the past year. According to statistics from the ministry the budget was recorded as SR239 million in 1399/1400 (1979-80), but jumped to SR496 million in 1400-01 (1980-81).

The agency has set up several social education schools, a model education institution, an institution for the children of Muslims in Makkah, social guidance schools, several social supervision bodies, social welfare institutions for aged people and a number of social kindergartens. It now has 13 social education schools in Riyadh, Buraidah, Al-Jouf, Abha, Ahsa, Makkah, Najran and Madinah. It also has nine boys schools and three girls schools. The schools house 978 full time students, including 708 boys and 270 girls.

The social guidance schools for delinquents number five. One of them is being established in Madinah, while the other four are operating in Riyadh, Qasim, Dammam and Taif. They have 315 students aged seven to twelve.

Five social guidance schools accommodate 1,711 students, including 1,572 males and 139 females. These schools also take care of delinquents of both sexes. The social welfare homes for the aged and handicapped persons unfit for training total seven in Riyadh, Unaizah, Al-Jouf, Abha, Dammam, Makkah and Madinah. They care for 295 people, including 172 males and 123 females.

Three social kindergartens are in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam for some 225 children of both sexes. They admit all children up to the age of six.

About 77 children, including 47 boys and 30 girls, are registered at the paralyzed children's organization in Riyadh. The substitute family system has also been introduced and more than 57 children aged up to six are benefiting from it. The alternate families receive a monthly salary to look after the children. To date SR2,057,718 has been paid to these families.

The Saudi woman is very active in the role of social welfare through the various women societies that now total ten. Another 36 societies are run by men. Twenty seven of them are registered and the rest authorize the work.

One of these societies has created a small township for 320 families at the cost of SR31 million. Another society improved the homes of 257 families at the cost of SR1.5 million. The societies provide all types of care including health services, and give aid to citizens for marriage, housing, medical treatment and aid in kind on various occasions.

The ministry supplies specialists to these societies and covers their salary. It also offers training and supervises the societies' activities. The societies also receive annual subsidies from the ministry, which totalled about SR15,194,200 in 1400-1401H for 32 societies. The latter also received aid in kind from the ministry valued at SR830,000 in the

Welfare societies' efforts benefit community

form of buses, furniture, ambulances, office equipment and toys. In addition, five such societies received SR250,000 in grants from the ministry for their establishment.

Special care is devoted to the handicapped for their repatriation into social life. The Education Ministry is in charge of the educational aspect. It established special institutes

for them. The able ones are placed by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in vocational training centers that find them jobs after they graduate. The totally disabled people benefit from other advantages. Moreover, families who prefer to look after the handicapped are assisted by the ministry. The Health Ministry takes care of the

physiotherapy and provides artificial limbs and aides. A sum of SR30,000 is granted by the state for every individual or collective project for the trained handicapped.

Four vocational training centers have been established in Riyadh, Taif and Dammam and one for girls in Riyadh. Social rehabilitation centers for the totally disabled exist in Riyadh and Madinah. Guardians of such persons receive up to SR8,000 per month.

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Mubarak to visit U.S., France, W. Germany

CAIRO, Dec. 18 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to make a week-long trip in February to the United States, France and West Germany to discuss means of speeding up a settlement of the Middle East conflict, the authoritative Al-Ahram newspaper said Friday.

In a recent interview with the Egyptian weekly, October magazine, Mubarak said he would have talks in February with President Ronald Reagan, and would also visit Israel, but the Al-Ahram report mentioned the two European countries and did not refer to the proposed trip to Israel.

It was not immediately known whether Israel's decision to annex the Syrian Golan Heights may affect his proposed trip to Israel. Mubarak quickly and vehemently condemned the Israeli government move calling it a "threat to the peaceful coexistence" of Arabs and Israelis in the Middle East. He is reported to be sending messages to this effect to President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

On Thursday the Egyptian cabinet, and parliament's second chamber — an advisory body to the president — both endorsed Mubarak's condemnations. The council, known as Shura, also called on Western countries, particularly the United States to "persuade Israel to rescind" its decision to annex the Golan Heights.

The Al-Ahram report said Mubarak would leave early February for talks with Reagan, top administration aides and members of the Congress Foreign Relations Committee, on efforts to promote a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He is to have similar talks with France's President Francois Mitterrand.

3,500 Iranians killed, Iraq says

BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (R) — Fierce battles between Iran and Iraq in the northern sector of the Gulf war front entered their second week Friday with Iraq estimating Iranian losses at 3,500 dead.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a correspondent at the front as saying 1,200 Iranians had been killed in addition to the 2,300 reported dead in a high command communique Thursday night.

Neither the agency nor the command specified the period during which the Iranians were killed.

Autonomy talks end in failure

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Israeli, Egyptian and U.S. officials concluded the latest round of negotiations on Palestinian autonomy Thursday apparently without achieving any breakthrough in the talks which began in June, 1979.

An Egyptian team of experts returned to Cairo after a week of talks with Israeli and United States officials on the plan to grant self-rule to the Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

An Israeli spokesman said the delegates

discussed the issue of legislation in the proposed autonomy which has been rejected by the Palestinians as a trick to perpetuate Israeli rule. The spokesman would not go into detail of the discussions but said they would be resumed in Cairo on Jan. 10.

In another development, Egypt's Minister of Tourism Gamel al-Nazer met with Israeli President Yitzhak Navon Friday and discussed ways to encourage tourism between Israel and Egypt, a spokesman for the president's office said.

Reagan's envoy to meet Hassan

RABAT, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Gen. Vernon L. Walters, the Reagan administration's ambassador-at-large, arrived in Rabat Thursday night for talks with King Hassan II and other officials that are expected to focus on U.S. arms support for Morocco's war in Western Sahara, official sources said.

Gen. Walters flew in from Algeria, which along with Libya supports the Polisario Front which has been fighting Morocco for six years for independence of the former Spanish Sahara, annexed by Morocco.

Morocco has requested sophisticated weapons and anti-missile defenses to combat the Polisario fighters who used Soviet-built SAM-6 missiles in a major battle in October in which four Moroccan war planes and a helicopter were shot down.

In the meantime, the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Charles Percy arrived in Casablanca Friday for several days' visit to Morocco, an informed source here said.

Pakistan assures India on N-weapons

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (AP) — Pakistan has assured India that it has no plans to manufacture nuclear weapons, External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has told parliament.

Answering questions in the lower house Thursday, Rao said the government had earlier voiced concern to Pakistan about reports that the neighboring country was planning to manufacture atomic weapons.

Rao said he hoped Pakistan would abide by its assurance. He did not say what form the assurance had taken or give other details.

Ethiopia seeking aid for Ogaden refugees

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 18 (R) — Ethiopia has appealed for urgent relief aid for nearly 300,000 people living in the Ogaden region, stricken by drought and ravaged by war.

The government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission said Thursday more than 100,000 refugees had fled to the Ogaden from Somalia and were arriving at the rate of 3,000 a day.

Ethiopia and Somalia fought a war over the Ogaden in 1977-78 which the Addis Ababa government won with the help of Cuban troops.

BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, (R) — Israeli bomb disposal experts detonated a time bomb outside a Jerusalem supermarket Friday, police said. A spokesman said the bomb was apparently planted by Palestinian commandos and called on the public to be on the alert for all suspicious objects.

MADRID, (AP) — Spanish Premier Leopoldo Calve Sotelo Friday flew to Tunisia on the first leg of an official trip that will take him also to Equatorial Guinea.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Arye Genger, whose nomination to a senior defense ministry post caused a storm of controversy because he emigrated from Israel 15 years ago, decided Friday to withdraw from the position because of public criticism. Genger, 36, told a press conference that he would not take up a position as overseer of Israel's military industry because of threats to his family and claims that "I am a traitor and a criminal."

BEIRUT, (R) — The Arab Labor Organization and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) signed a four-year technical cooperation agreement in Baghdad Thursday, the Iraqi News Agency reported. It said the aim of the agreement was to promote PLO activity in the fields of vocational training, cooperative social security and education.

200 kgms of TNT caused blast Iraq Embassy death toll is 32

BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (AP) — Rescue workers were unable to pull out five newly discovered bodies trapped under the rubble of the blown up Iraqi Embassy in Beirut Thursday and police experts confirmed 200 kilograms of explosive devices placed inside the building caused the blast. So far, 32 bodies have been discovered or recovered from the rubble, while 110 injured are still being treated in hospitals.

A police spokesman said Capt. Nabih Abi-Nadr, an explosive expert of the Lebanese internal security and other military experts confirmed that 200 kgms of TNT and other inflammatory devices placed in different parts of the embassy building caused the explosion last Tuesday.

First report said the five-story embassy was blown up by a booby-trapped car driven by a suicide terrorist and later it was feared it was due to five explosive charges weighing 100 kgms hidden in the basement pillars of the building.

The spokesman also said rescuers used odored sprays in the area where the five bodies were trapped under a fallen wall for three days. He said as many as 30 more bodies were feared to be still under rubble, including those of the ambassador, Abdul Razzak Latifa, press attache Hares Taka, his assistant Balkis Kabbani, who is the wife of Syria's famous poet Nizar Kabbani, Consul Khalid Jaafar Shiwesh and the military attache and his staff.

Reagan again urges Americans to leave Libya

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) — President Reagan has said he had complete confidence in reports that the Libyan government had planned to send squads to assassinate American leaders, and reiterated that he wanted U.S. workers to leave Libya.

Asked at a news conference Thursday about criticism by Americans in Libya of his instruction last week that the 1,500 U.S. workers should leave, Reagan said: "We didn't have any choice."

He said he regretted very much the disruption of the lives of the workers in Libya and realized they had good relations with their Libyan neighbors and co-workers.

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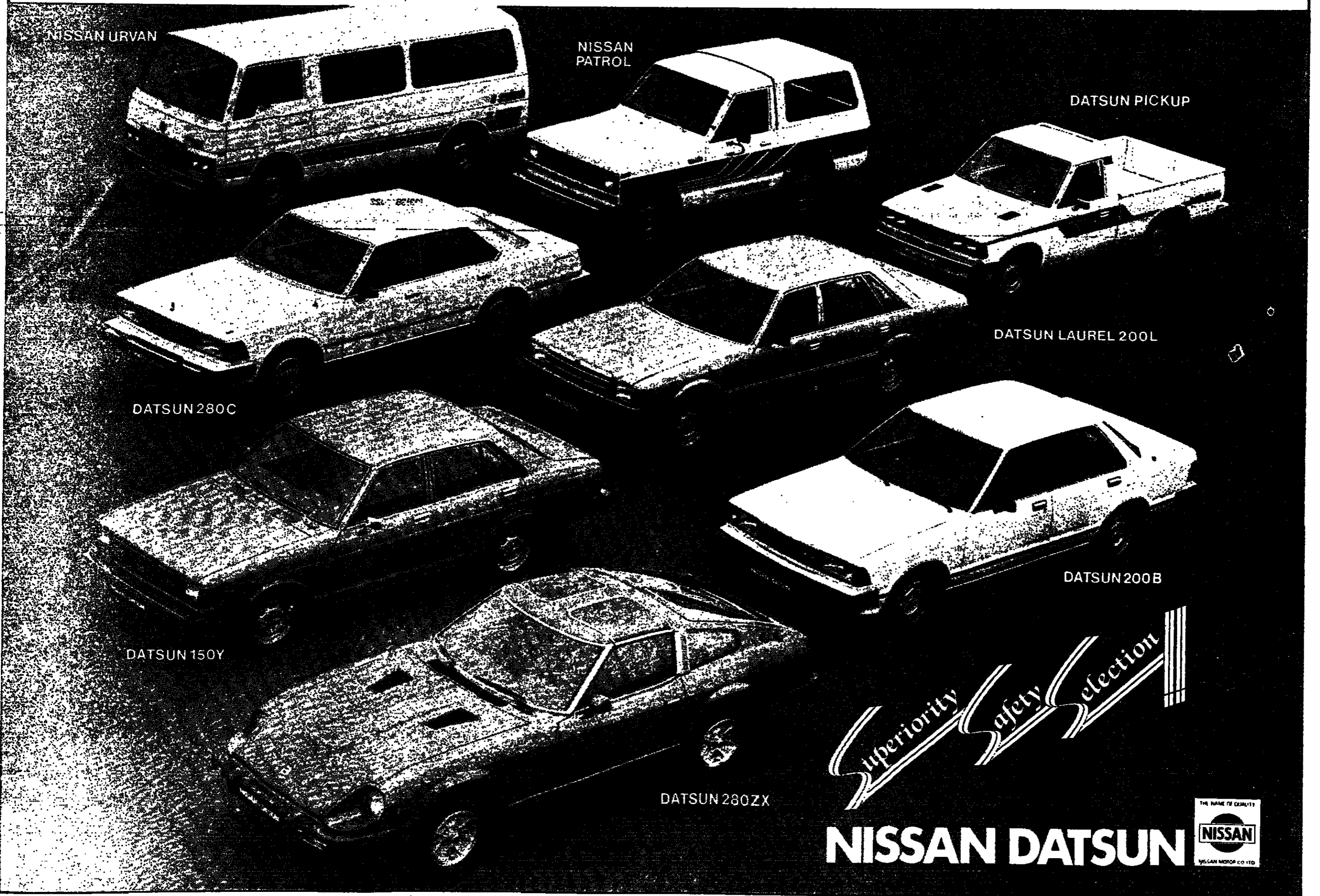
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U.N. DECISION ON GOLAN

The U.N. Security Council has made its unanimous decision on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. As far as the United Nations is concerned, the move is "null and void," and the Israelis are to rescind their action within two weeks. At the end of this period the U.N. secretary general is to report back to the Security Council on the result, and to determine what steps are to be taken if the Israelis fail to comply.

Israel's move raises two separate issues. The first is Syria's reaction — which is something to be left to Syria and the rest of the Arab world to work out. The second, which is now being raised, and to some measure met by the United Nations, is that of the reaction of the international community to this cynical and blatant flouting of international law and international agreements which have been solemnized by the U.N.

The Arab world, which reserves its rights to its own response, demands that the U.N. honors its mutual commitments with Syria, commitments which Syria entered in all good faith and has upheld diligently.

A decisive response from the U.N. will however only be possible if the United States participates. The Americans have already denounced Israel's move, but they must realize that much more is needed. The United States, Israel's partner in the "strategic cooperation" agreement, must recognize the responsibility it bears for its protegee's action.

The coming two weeks will be taken by the Arab world as a decisive test for the intentions of the American administration regarding the Middle East. President Reagan has to see that he or his aides cannot talk convincingly of Poland, international rights and the Helsinki agreement on the one hand while doing nothing about Israel's violation of international law and agreements on the other.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Oha* and *Al-Jazira* commented on King Khaled's speech Wednesday in which he diagnosed the main reasons that make the Arab and Islamic world the target of a ferocious attack by the enemies of Islam and Arabism and on the responsibility of the Iranian regime for the abortive sabotage attempt in Bahrain.

Oha urged the Arab and the Muslim countries to respond to King Khaled's call for healing their rifts and unifying their ranks "so as to be able to encounter such assaults and restore their usurped rights and lands, on top of them Jerusalem and Palestine."

The paper also urged Iran to end its war with Iraq and to turn over a new leaf after Iran's killing of 1,500 Iraqi prisoners of war and the discovery of its plot to create instability in Bahrain and the Gulf region. Blaming Iran for training saboteurs and sending hit teams to Bahrain, the paper wondered "who would benefit from such criminal acts but the enemies of Islam and Arabism?" The paper also blamed the Iranian regime for failure to end the Iranian-Iraqi

conflict and for rejecting Muslim efforts to stop this shameful war between the two countries. Commenting on the Zionist regime of Menahem Begin and the Iranian one led by Khomeini, *Al-Jazira* said there is no difference between the first terrorist and the latter who is spreading tyranny in and outside his country.

The paper regretted the deviation of the Iranian revolution from its objectives under Khomeini and his gang. "Instead of realizing its goals in development, welfare, peace, and combating injustice, oppression and tyranny, the revolution, under the Ayatollah's rule, plunged Iran into terrorism and chaos," the paper said.

Condemning the malicious collaboration between Israel's Begin and Iran's Khomeini, the paper noted that his evil cooperation can only be matched with the United States, the most powerful strategic ally of Israel.

The paper warned the whole world against Khomeini and his deviated revolution which has become a source of permanent nuisance for all peace-loving countries. — (SPA)



Polish crisis presents West, USSR with risky options

By Sidney Weiland

LONDON — For Western governments, the Polish crisis poses questions of excruciating complexity. For Moscow, its whole Eastern European strategy may be at stake. Western analysts believe that on both sides the options are strictly limited and are loaded with high risks. They say there may be no clear answers for a long time.

So far, since martial law was clamped down in Poland last weekend, Western nations have taken a calculatedly cautious line, anxious to do or say nothing that could either encourage a bloody Polish revolt or provoke Soviet intervention. After five days, Western diplomats say there are signs that the West's position is stiffening. They say government leaders are becoming increasingly alarmed over the widespread use of strong-arm tactics by the Polish security forces to crack remaining opposition and the reported arrest of thousands of Solidarity movement supporters.

The U.S. administration, which earlier this week appealed for negotiations and compromise, has now warned Warsaw's military rulers that violence against the Polish people would have extremely grave economic or political consequences.

Washington has also issued a strong warning that a Soviet invasion "would have a severe and lasting effect on East-West relations." President Reagan was reported gravely concerned over the military crackdown.

France's President Francois Mitterrand said Wednesday that both external pressure or internal oppression should be equally "clearly, vigorously and constantly condemned."

In London, Deputy Foreign Secretary Humphrey Atkins said any direct interference by Moscow "would create the most grave situation none of us have known for many years."

Western diplomats said the statements marked a notable "toning-up" in Western reaction. Analysts believe the West faces a major dilemma in deciding how far to go without risking even sharper responses by the Polish military which could nullify whatever hopes still exist for continuing reforms. Western governments are coming under pressure from editorial writers and Polish exiles for a stronger stand.

"The West cannot pretend that what is happening in Poland is merely an internal matter for the Poles," the *London Times* wrote Thursday. But it said there were good reasons for Western caution.

New York Times columnist James Reston warned "There is great danger in the comparatively mild condemnation by the West."

In Brussels, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) urged Western governments to cut off aid to Poland so long as martial law continued and union leaders remained under arrest. Analysts said Western governments would be forced to reconsider all aid and financial assistance if Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's military government embarked on a course of clear repression.

While Western leaders have said they cannot condone what is happening in Poland, they know that economic help for Poland provides virtually the only chance of survival. They are also aware that a frontal attack on the Polish regime or the Soviet Union could inflame the situation to a point where the Kremlin might decide it had little to lose by direct intervention.

Analysts said it was agonizingly hard for the U.S. at this stage to threaten reprisals such as a break in U.S.-Soviet arms talks which started in Geneva just over two weeks ago.

The 15 nations of the NATO alliance are ready to meet Soviet intervention with a long list of political and economic counter-measures, but the likely response to Polish internal repression raises more

complicated issues, depending on what form it takes. Analysts said the West's reaction to a purely Polish crackdown, without evidence of Soviet orchestration, would be inevitably "fuzzier."

But the military takeover in Poland presented Moscow with even greater long-term problems. Western experts and Solidarity exiles in the West believe Jaruzelski's regime is digging in for a long period of military rule, until now unprecedented in Eastern Europe. They say this could have major repercussions for the Soviet Union and for the other five nations of the Soviet bloc.

For the first time in a Communist country, military has pushed the Communist apparatus into a subsidiary role, effectively stripping that party which has ruled Poland for 36 years is now incapable of governing.

For Moscow, this must be an ideological shift of shattering proportions, raising broad questions about future political strategy throughout the Soviet bloc, analysts said. They said the stark options presented could hasten a Soviet decision to intervene on grounds that continuing drift in Poland or even continuing reform under army control could destroy Communist authority as understood by Moscow. (R)

Mrs. Thatcher faces Tories' revolt over economic policies

By Barry May

LONDON — Discontent among Britain's ruling Conservatives is rising because of fears that the country's economic recovery may be too slow to maintain Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government in power. Despite signs of stronger industrial activity, opposition to Mrs. Thatcher's tough economic policies has already flared into open revolt within the party.

Conservative critics are convinced the party faces disastrous defeat at the next general election unless she acts quickly to regain popularity by refuting the economy and reducing record unemployment. With the jobless rate likely to hit the sensitive three million mark soon, the rebellion in the Conservative ranks could gather momentum and take the political spotlight away from the bitter ideological battle in the opposition Labor Party and the emergence of the new Social Democratic Party.

The latest public opinion poll showed the fledgling alliance of the Social Democrats and the minority Liberal Party would sweep to victory if an election were held now. The alliance would win 44 percent of the popular vote, followed by the Conservatives and Labor with 27 percent each.

Alarmed by the poll, dissident groups of Conservative members of parliament have been meeting in secret to plot their tactics for a stand-up fight

against Thatcher and her finance minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe. They blame the chancellor's tight-money economic strategy for the party's poor performance in recent by-elections — the last two have been won against heavy odds by the alliance.

The disaffected Conservatives challenge the assertion of Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey that Britain is over the worst of the recession and that brighter days are ahead. The chancellor maintains that signs of economic recovery are starting to multiply. The signals, he says, are better productivity, improved output, increased competitiveness abroad, a slowdown in the rise in unemployment, moderation in wage demands and indications that the inflation rate will fall next year.

The latest government figures this week, for instance, showed that Britain's industrial output rose 1.7 percent in October, the biggest jump in 2 1/2 years.

Several prominent Conservatives are, however, unconvinced by Howe's assertions and have said so publicly. So have some leading British economists who predict more economic gloom ahead.

The rebels have warned Thatcher if the government insists on fighting inflation at all costs rather than designing programs to create jobs, the Conservatives could be thrown out of office at the next election which she must call by mid-1984. Most

prominent among her critics are former Prime Minister Edward Heath and former deputy foreign secretary Sir Ian Gilmour.

The common denominator of most of the rebels is a plea for a five-billion sterling (\$9 billion) package of extra state spending to reflate the economy through measures to aid industry and create jobs. The rebels worry particularly over the divisive social consequences of a two percent cut next year in the real value of benefits paid to the unemployed in Britain's welfare state.

Heath, ousted by Thatcher as party leader after his election defeat brought about by a miners' strike during the 1973-1974 winter, denounced the cut in unemployment benefits. "I find the argument that, because the rest of us have suffered a reduction in the standard of living therefore the unemployed must bear their share, completely unacceptable," he said in a parliamentary debate on raising state spending to 17 billion sterling next year.

Sir Geoffrey Howe has resisted calls for major refutation to reduce unemployment, adamant that the government's policies are necessary to keep Britain on course toward recovery. "It would be madness to throw away that progress in a burst of government spending to create a few temporary extra jobs," he said in a recent television broadcast.

Nevertheless, the government was swayed enough this week to launch a one-billion sterling (\$1.9-billion) scheme to provide jobs for young

people. The scheme is designed to remove young people from the dole queues each year through apprenticeships, grants to employers and job training for school-leavers.

The government's contention that things are looking better is endorsed by Industry Minister Patrick Jenkin, who says Britain is winning back business lost to foreign competitors.

Productivity in manufacturing industry, measures as output per man hour, rose by seven percent since the end of 1980 and the overwhelmingly biggest single contribution to the trend was the halving in the rate of pay settlements. Coupled with the fall in the value of sterling against other currencies, this means competitiveness had improved by about 10 percent, according to Jenkin.

Yet the treasury's chief economic adviser Terry Burns sees sluggish growth of barely one percent in real output in 1982. A survey by the Society of Business Economists also shows that more than half its 140 members believe the British economy will expand by no more than one percent next year.

Nearly two-thirds of the economists also expect continued double-figure inflation with prices rising 10 to 12 percent.

The government's satisfaction with the low level of wage settlements may by short-lived as the four percent guideline for public sector employees has already been reached.

Egypt 'no longer wants a large army'

By David Rogers

CAIRO — Egypt's armed forces, the biggest in the Arab world, are being hurriedly and drastically trimmed as they absorb more Western arms. Defense Minister Muhammad Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala, who has rapidly emerged as a powerful government figure, has launched a program to cut military personnel by at least 30 percent.

Interviewed by Reuters, Gen. Abu Ghazala said the target was to reduce the 400,000 strong armed forces to around 300,000 men within 18 months.

Egypt is in the midst of a major rearmament program, discarding much of the outdated Soviet equipment that it used in the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars and switching to Western, mostly American, weaponry.

The changeover is forcing military planners to rethink recruitment policy. "For example our Russian-made air defense batteries need 300 men," Abu Ghazala said. But French-built Crotale batteries which have recently gone into service are manned by only 50. "We no longer want a large army," the defense minister said. In the past Israel was the threat that preoccupied Egyptian strategists. Since the Camp David peace treaty, the priorities have changed. Egyptian units near the western frontier with Libya are kept in a far

higher state of combat readiness than the armies in the east. Cairo is developing more mobile forces that can be quickly deployed from one frontier to another. "Egypt takes the position that the threat is around us, not from one direction. We have to be flexible and have a high standard of maneuverability," Abu Ghazala said.

The remodeling of the armed forces is being undertaken with massive injections of American aid, estimated at \$900 million in the current fiscal year. Cairo is asking Washington so far more over the next five years. Egyptian officials no longer like to give figures but do not deny that the requests total up to at least \$1.5 billion a year.

Abu Ghazala says Egypt wants another 600 U.S. M-60 tanks and 120 F-16 fighter aircraft. Delivery of a first batch of 311 M-60s has already begun. Four Hawkeye radar surveillance planes and back-up ground stations (cost around \$500 million) are also on his American shopping list.

Until Cairo split with Moscow in the early 1970s, the Soviet bloc was Egypt's sole arms supplier. That experience, according to Abu Ghazala, taught Egypt never again to be dependent on one weapons source. When Egypt launched its 1973 war on Israel, it went into battle unsure whether it would receive spares and supplies from Moscow.

France, in particular, has benefited from Cairo's decision to diversify its arms purchases. Last year it beat off a British challenge to win a big order for Alpha jet trainers and is about to conclude the sale of 40 Mirage multi-purpose fighters.

At the moment European arms salesmen are competing for an order for wheeled armored personnel carriers, with French, British and Spanish firms in the running. The contract will be awarded in January, according to the defense ministry. Britain is currently examining the feasibility of putting improved guns on Egypt's old Soviet T-62 and T-55 tanks. If tests are successful, it could provide improved firepower for about 400 tanks.

Egyptian generals talk of building up a fleet of 2,000 modern or updated Soviet tanks in the next few years. "But look around us. Israel has more than 3,000 tanks, Libya has more than 3,000," Abu Ghazala said.

The cutback in manpower will help pay for some of the new weaponry. Although Egypt's soldiers are meagerly paid — conscripts earn 4.50 pounds (\$ 5.50) a month — salaries still eat up 49 percent of the military budget. Generals hope this will fall to around 25 percent. The army wants to change the method of conscription and a national debate is under way over whether Egyptian youths should be called up for military service from the age of 17 instead of wait-

ing until they are 20. At present the conscription system favors university graduates who serve only one year while those failing to get high school diplomas face three years as foot soldiers. Abu Ghazala would like all Egyptians, irrespective of academic ability, to do two years' service. His most controversial proposal is that students should do military service before university, not after.

Critics argue it will disrupt students' education. The defense minister says that by having university entrants serve two years instead of one, the army will have the chance to thoroughly train Egypt's most capable youth in handling sophisticated modern weapons.

It is also aimed at building up a more effective reservist force. The army is proposing that after completing military service, conscripts going on to university should devote 30 days a year to retraining.

Since taking over as defense minister last March, Abu Ghazala has also started carving out a bigger civilian development role for the army. The signals corps has been helping lay new telephone lines in the Cairo suburbs and in some areas army engineers have been road-building. This month the army opened its own dairy and egg farm. But for the time being the produce is for feeding the troops. (R)

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Indian TV moves at a snail's pace

BANGALORE, India, (WP) — Twenty men crowded against a grilled showroom window, peering inside as if they were seeing magic. In many ways they were, for television had just come to Bangalore, India's fifth largest city, and the men were watching an out-of-town cricket match on a set inside an appliance store.

As a new phenomenon here, television appears to be changing the lives of the 3 million residents in this city — the fastest-growing in India and the seat of most of this country's embryonic space, electronics and defense industries.

It is the city in which most of the television tubes used in Indian sets are made, which makes the medium's late arrival here all the more surprising.

"Television is dominating the coffee-house discussions, party conversations and family dining tables these days," wrote the weekly paper City Tab shortly after the Nov. 1 introduction of TV here. "Bangalore can never hope to be the same again."

Yet the city gets only 14 1/2 hours of TV a week, beamed from either Bombay or Madras in languages that are not native to this section of the country.

The post and telegraph department reports that it has issued only 6,215 licenses for TV sets here. Dealers report selling far more. Estimates vary from 10,000 to 40,000 indicating most owners are not bothering to buy the required licenses.

Each set, however, is watched by dozens of people. The Bangalore press club, for instance, has found a new popularity since it bought a set for its members.

As in the early days of U.S. television in the late 1940s, any family that owns a set is besieged with dozens of new friends and suddenly close relatives.

"When you have a television set in your home, the entire neighborhood becomes very social and friendly and decides to visit just when there is a good program coming on," wrote Beenu Sethi in the City Tab.

"So while you make tea and polite conversation with your guests, they watch Amitabh and Rekha (leading film stars) on the screen. And their baby nesses up the carpet, the daughter makes free use of the phone, and when they finally leave you are left with the prospect of a spoiled evening and soiled dishes."

Those whose caste or class is too low to seek an invitation peek in doors and windows to catch a glimpse of a program. Common in India, these uninvited viewers have a name: watchie wallahs.

For all its claims of being a modern state, India has been slow in spreading television. Although the first broadcast was in 1959, less

than 20 percent of the 680 million people are now able to watch television.

All programs are broadcast in black and white, but Information Minister Vasant Sathe would like to convert to color. He told parliament the decision is now before the cabinet.

Sathe acknowledged recently that up to 10 percent of the population has no access to radio, television or newspapers.

Television came to New Delhi in 1959 but 13 years passed before it came to another part of the country — Bombay, India's second-largest city.

International political considerations dictated the next two sites, Srinagar and Amritsar, which are close to the border of Pakistan and whose residents were able to see programs from that neighboring nation.

Pakistani television, which is in color and relies heavily on reruns from American TV, is still popular there. The Indian express reported this month that 98 percent of the residents of Srinagar, in the Kashmir valley, watch Pakistani television, "whose programs are more interesting, livelier and technically superior" to Indian shows.

"A media expert told me," the Express correspondent continued, "that Pakistan TV is 10 years ahead of us in all respects."

The television rivalry on the Indo-Pakistan border may be an example of "the grass always being greener on the other side."

Pakistanis on the border adjust their antennas to receive India's popular Hindi films, which are banned in their country. Indians enjoy the American-made chips and Mary Tyler Moore shows shown nightly on Pakistani TV. Lahore television recently showed three Hollywood movies, which the Indian Express writer said were extremely popular in India.



STYLISH CHIMP: Chim Barney is shown here in Tampa, Florida showing off his new suit of clothes.

Medfly cure foreseen

Gamma ray plant to kill pests, preserve vegetables

By Jay Mathews

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Responding to the threat of the Mediterranean fruit fly, the Food and Drug Administration has softened its long-held ban on treating produce with gamma rays, in a move that could revolutionize the food industry.

Agency spokesman Jim Greene said Commissioner Arthur Hull Hayes has granted conditional permission to a San Jose, Calif., firm, Emergent Technologies, to begin irradiating produce. The \$10 million irradiation plant proposed by the firm, if it passes several federal requirements, would be the

first in this country to put food irradiation to full commercial use.

State and federal officials, applauding the move, say gamma rays may be the only way to treat fruits in new infestations by the Medfly or other pests if a popular chemical fumigant now in use is banned for being a suspected cause of cancer.

But the gamma ray process also has the even more significant capability, confirmed by army tests and commercial use in Europe, of greatly extending the shelf life of milk and other foods.

"This has wide-ranging implications," said Frank Bragg, a spokesman for the University

of California at Davis, where experiments with the gamma ray process are continuing.

A potential stumbling block, scientists and government officials acknowledge, is consumer fear of anything to do with radiation. Hayes, in a letter to White House science advisers, said, "irradiation of food poses no danger to consumers."

Niel E. Nielson, president of Emergent Technologies, said in an interview that "this is just as safe as drying the food in the sun, or broiling it." Both processes involve radiation.

Although the army has been experimenting with gamma ray treatment of food since the 1940s, commercial food processors have

Sewage problems plague Chicago urban dwellers

By William C. Rempel

CHICAGO (WP) — Sewers have a special place in the history of Chicago, a city that emerged out of an ancient delta swamp. Some of the most prodigious feats of modern engineering have attempted to rid Chicago of its sewage.

In the mid-1800s, sewage collected on low-lying streets, so engineers raised the downtown streets — literally rebuilding, 10 feet higher and drier, much of the city of 100,000. A ground-level sewer system installed below the elevated avenues then drained the city's waste into the Chicago river, which carried it into Lake Michigan.

"That got the sewage off the streets, but frequently into the city's drinking water."

So, back at the drawing boards, sewer specialists came up with the "seventh wonder of modern engineering." They reversed the flow of the Chicago river, carrying away the foul residue of turn-of-the-century Chicago through a series of canals and streams to the Mississippi River.

The local environment was saved as the sewage went south, but over the years Chicago grew beyond its capacity to move its own waste.

In 1981, sewage is still a monumental problem here, as it is in about 50 other older U.S. cities from San Francisco to Boston. Chicago's aged sewer system, a relic from days when sewage and storm waters moved through the same conduits, is grossly inadequate for a metropolitan population of 5.5 million.

Loads from frequent rainstorms choke the system and cause raw sewage to back up into residential basements and overflow into open waterways — and occasionally into Lake Michigan, still the source of the city's drinking water.

So, the authorities of Chicago's Metropolitan Sanitary District have devised another big plan to solve the sewage problem, a scheme almost as dramatic as reversing the course of the Chicago River.

What they have come up with is a pollution and flood control project of such magnitude and cost that now, six years into its construction, Congress and local citizen groups are wondering if the country can afford to complete it.

It is officially called the tunnel and reservoir project, but most people here know it as the "deep tunnel." About 200 feet below the streets and skyscrapers of America's second most populous city, giant mechanical moles and digging out a network of huge tunnels to capture rain and sewage.

Already \$1.2 billion has been spent or committed to the project, but the ultimate price tag could exceed \$11 billion — making it more costly than the Alaska oil pipeline or a proposed second Panama Canal.

The goals of the project were to improve the water quality of Chicago's rivers and canals, many of which are unsuitable for fishing or swimming; to stop periodic discharge of sewage into Lake Michigan, and to eliminate basement flooding throughout the region.

All that would be accomplished by diverting sewage during periods of heavy rainfall into the deep tunnels where it could be stored until the storms subsided and water treatment facilities could again handle the load. Its creators characterized the plan as "bottling a rainstorm."

But as the originally projected cost of \$1.2 billion began to grow, so did the opposition. Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., who might be expected to defend a mammoth project in his home state, became one of its leading critics after initially supporting the plan.

"It's the biggest boondoggle in history," he said recently, arguing that it is not only too expensive but probably will not work as advertised by the officials of the sanitary district who persuaded Congress to underwrite 75 percent of the cost.

The project's scale is as immense as its cost. Tunnels 35 feet in diameter — large enough to hold three trains side by side — are being carved out of deep limestone formations. If the project is completed, it will provide about 131 miles of tunnels as well as underground reservoirs with a capacity of 44 billion gallons, sufficient to fill a string of rail tank cars wrapped around the world.

There is considerable doubt that the project will ever be completed — both because of the mounting opposition from Percy and other influential leaders, and because of the Reagan administration's clamp on federal spending.

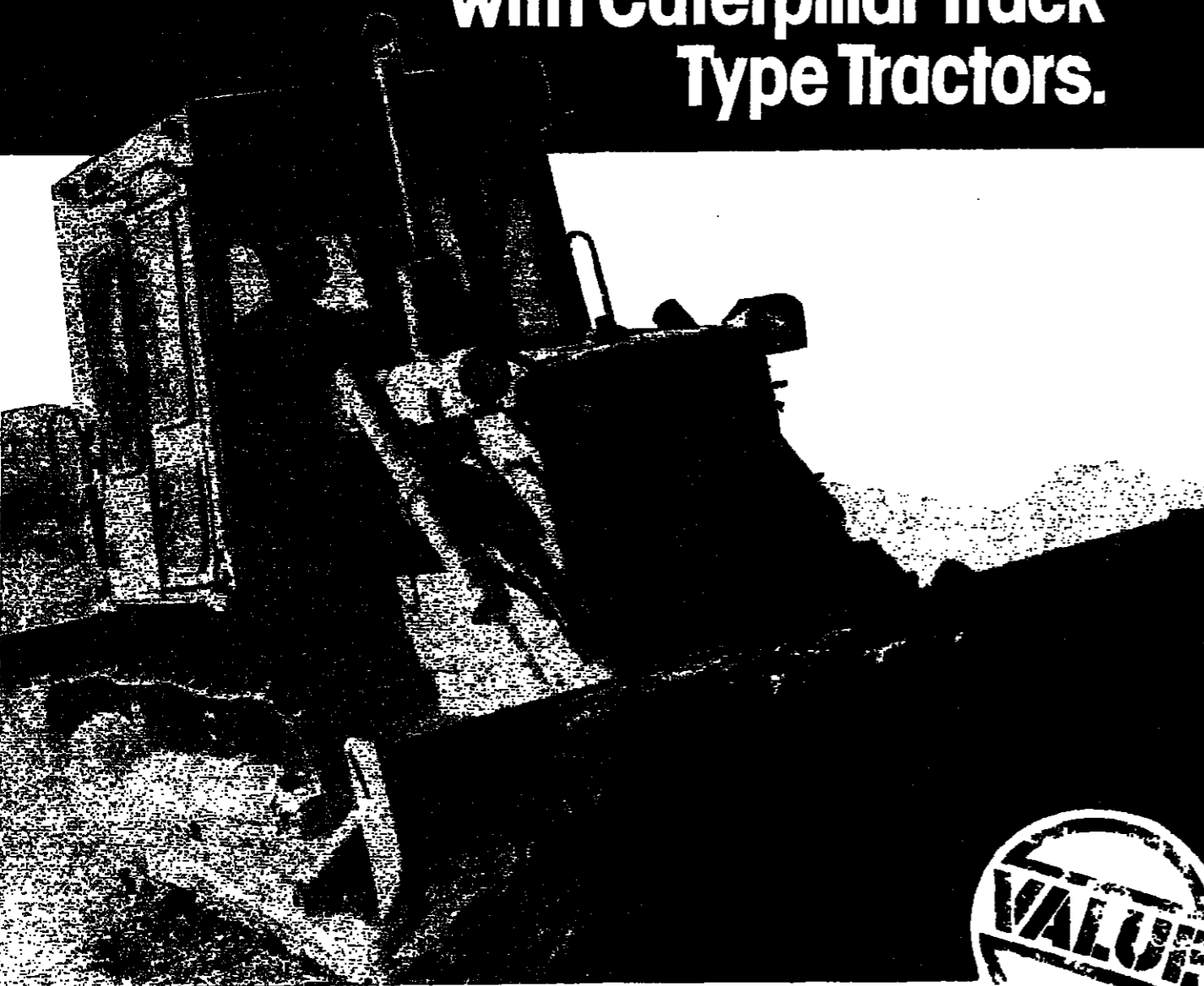
declined to make a great effort to develop radiation facilities.

Rising energy costs and new research on the harmful effects of many chemicals have led some to reconsider irradiation, however.

"Then those little bugs changed the situation quite drastically," said Manuel C. Lagunas-Solar, chief of the UC Davis experimental program on irradiating food.

Although dormant this winter, the small fly, whose larvae can spoil dozens of varieties of fruits and vegetables, remains a serious potential threat to California's \$16 billion agricultural industry, and to growers in other states.

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U.N. to mobilize sanctions

1982 declared year against South Africa

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) — The General Assembly proclaimed 1982 as the international year for mobilizing sanctions against South Africa. The declaration was one of 16 draft resolutions endorsed on a par-

Another called on governments to sever all relations with South Africa, implement the Security Council's 1977 arms embargo against it, end investment in the country, prohibit the sale of kruggerands and bar collaboration by corporations with the Pretoria government.

This draft Thursday also asked the Security Council, the only U.N. body with mandatory enforcement powers, to consider imposing comprehensive sanctions against South Africa. It asked members of the European

Economic Community, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to deny all assistance to South Africa and suggested U.N. bodies should not invest funds in any financial institutions that lend money to or invest in South Africa.

It strongly condemned what it called the collusion by certain Western and other governments with South Africa in the nuclear field, particularly the United States, West Germany and Israel.

It called on France and all other governments not to supply South Africa with equipment that might enable it to produce nuclear materials. Another resolution expressed grave concern over the large increase in South Africa's military budget since the imposition of the U.N. arms embargo.

U.S. tests yellow rain sample

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) — A sample of "yellow rain" obtained from Laotian refugees has produced the hardest evidence to date of chemical weapons being used

Toes grafted on to arms

PEKING, Dec. 18 (R) — A 19-year-old girl who lost both hands in an accident has had some of her toes transplanted on to her arms, the New China News Agency said Friday.

Surgeons constructed four fingers from the girl's two second toes plus skin flaps from her big toes into which pieces of bone were inserted.

Benn claims deputy post in U.K. Labor

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — The turmoil inside Britain's opposition Labor Party was likened Thursday to one of England's slap bang pantomimes.

The latest slanging match erupted Wednesday night when Tony Benn, champion of the Labor left, claimed he was the party's deputy leader — even though rival Denis Healey was elected to that post in September.

Healey's beleaguered leader, Michael Foot, said of Benn's claim: "He's talking through his hat, isn't he?"

Benn made his assertion on the basis that nine of the 11 Labor members of parliament who have defected to the burgeoning Social Democratic Party in the past three months were Healey supporters.

Healey, ex-chancellor of the exchequer and a Labor moderate, described Benn's claim Thursday as "a bit of festival crackers."

London's *Evening Standard* newspaper, under the headline "Benn up a beanstalk," said "Labor's sour pantomime season" was in full swing.

The clash grabbed front-page space from the Polish crisis and reopened the left-right schism which has sent Labor's popularity plummeting in the opinion polls and given meteoric strength to the nine-month-old Social Democratic Party.

Speaking on BBC radio, Healey said of his rival's claim: "It does show a disturbing lack of balance that at a time of three million out of work, another 300,000 due onto the dole queue, the biggest fall in living standards ever for British people lying just ahead, a tragedy in Poland and the risk of war in the Middle East, that Mr. Benn should have spent his time working out on his pocket calculator that, if there was an election now and no other changes take place, he would have a majority of a 300th of one percent."

Benn made his remark after his forces lost two key votes Wednesday at a meeting of Labor's national executive committee.

Against the wishes of Benn and the left, the committee decided to reject prospective Bermondsey parliamentary candidate Peter Tatchell, a left-winger, and voted to investigate infiltration of local Labor Party chapters by the Trotskyist group, Military Tendency.

For want of finance

17m infants die in 1981

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) — Seventeen million infants died this year because no one would finance ways to save them and a similar number would die in 1982, the United Nations said in a report.

Every child in poor countries could be immunized against six common dangerous diseases at a cost of \$5 a head, but five million of them would die for want of this protection, it said, Thursday.

James Grant, U.S. head of the U.N. Children's Fund, UNICEF, who prepared the document, said there was every reason to believe that times were getting worse, not better, for the poorest children.

"To the extent that this annual decimation of the world's newborn is a reprisal for the failings of economic development, the immediate future holds little hope of a reprieve," he said. Hardest hit were the poorest lands of Africa and Southern Asia, where three-quarters of this year's infant deaths occurred.

Grant said that average incomes in the poor countries of Africa and Southern Asia were unlikely to rise by more than one or two dollars a year in the 1980s.

The report described 1981 as "another year of silent emergency, of 40,000 children quietly dying each day, of 100 million children quietly going to sleep hungry at night, of 10 million children quietly becoming disabled in mind and body, of 200 million six-to-11-year-olds quietly watching other children go to school, of one-fifth of the world's people quietly struggling for life itself."

Grant said that a child's life was not priceless but was actually worth less than \$100. "Wisely spent on each of the poorest 500 million mothers and young children in the world, such a sum could have bought improved diets and easier pregnancies, elementary education and basic health care, safer sanitation and more water," he said.

20 years jail demanded in French case

PARIS Dec. 18. (AP) — The public prosecutor Thursday asked for 20-year jail terms for the alleged instigator and organizer of the murder of French political Prince Jean de Broglie, a case the presiding judge has called "a French Watergate."

Marcel Dorwling-Carter, ending a 7-hour closing argument, called for the heavy terms for Pierre de Varga, a businessman who allegedly put out a contract on De Broglie, and police officer Guy Simone, who allegedly found the killer.

He asked the court to condemn confessed murderer Gerard Frech to 19 years and Serge Teissedre, another intermediary, to 6 1/2 to 7 years.

Prince Jean de Broglie, a co-founder with Michel Poniatowski of the Political Party supporting former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, was shot dead in a Paris street in December 1976, by a hired minor criminal. Poniatowski was interior minister in charge of the police at the time.

The French press has long contended the police under Poniatowski ignored warnings of threats to De Broglie because he had become a political embarrassment following dubious business dealings.

Senior police officers admitted during the trial that a report had been ignored three months before the killing, and the judge said there had been an attempt to cover up the lapse.

Dorwling-Carter, and earlier a lawyer for the De Broglie family, told the court they believed the sole motive for the killing was that De Varga wanted to avoid repaying De Broglie a loan of some \$800,000 he obtained to buy a Paris restaurant.

Tanzania phones hit

DAR ES SALAAM, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Many parts of the Tanzanian capital were still without telephone and telex links Friday following several days of heavy rain.

A spokesman for the Posts and Telecommunications Corporation blamed the widespread breakdowns on flooding of underground cables. The corporation's engineers were working round-the-clock to get the lines open again, he said.

Senegambia union is born

DAKAR, Dec. 18 (R) — Senegal and Gambia have formally set up a Senegambia confederation, the first such union of African countries since numerous states on the continent achieved independence in the early 1960s.

Eyewitnesses said the Gambian president, Sir Dawda Jawara, looked sad and withdrawn, as he signed Thursday for his tiny country, very much the junior partner in the confederation. Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, who is marking his first year in office with what diplomats in Dakar consider as a considerable success in bringing about the union, signed for Senegal.

The signing ceremony was delayed for 45 minutes as the two leaders held last-minute talks before exchanging documents. The

reason for the talks was not immediately clear. Neither Sir Dawda Jawara nor President Diouf made any statement and they departed in separate directions after exchanging the documents.

Officials from both sides were equally reticent and refused to comment to newsmen about the time-span for ratification of the treaty, a task for each of the two countries' parliaments. Gambian officials hinted that the process could take some time.

Sir Dawda survived a left-wing coup attempt last July while he was in London for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. At his request, Senegalese troops entered Gambia and crushed the uprising in which about 800 persons died, according to Senegalese medical sources.

Ex-official arrested in Italian fraud

TREVISIO, Italy, Dec. 18 (R) — The Finance Ministry's former director-general of customs was arrested Thursday on charges of corruption in connection with Italy's petrol fraud scandal, justice officials said.

Ernesto Del Gizzo, 50, was removed from his post last January after investigations into the fraud which involved evasion of tax on oil products. More than 100 persons, including

the former head of Italy's customs police, have been detained in connection with the scandal, which may have deprived the government of some \$2 billion in revenue over 10 years.

Last week Treviso magistrates issued an arrest warrant on the same charges against Fernando Olevano, former head of the personnel department of the customs.

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Unification of forces sought

Khmers may spurn coalition

BANGKOK, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The ousted Khmer Rouge government appears increasingly unlikely to accept a proposal by non-Communist Southeast Asian nations for the formation of a loose coalition by the three anti-Vietnamese Cambodian factions.

In recent days, reports carried by the clandestine Khmer Rouge radio station broadcasting from southern China have been harshly critical of the proposal, initially put forward by Singapore and adopted last week in conference by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand).

The proposal would bring together the three anti-Vietnamese factions — the Khmer Rouge, forces backing former chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and the National Front for the Liberation of the Khmer People, headed by former Premier Son Sann — although each group would be able to retain its own personality.

Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann have already agreed to the proposal, and the Khmer Rouge are expected to give their response by the end of January.

The Khmer Rouge radio, monitored in Bangkok, Friday broadcast a letter to the Khmer Rouge government from resistance forces, cadres and youths in Koh Kong and Kompong Som provinces, in southwestern Cambodia, saying that a loose coalition "would not enable us to achieve our objectives."

The writers held that such a coalition would "in no way guarantee the legal status of Democratic Kampuchea", or the Khmer Rouge regime. What was needed, the letter said, was "true unification" of anti-Vietnamese forces.

At the beginning of the week, the radio carried a letter from Brigade 920, stationed in Monduliri and Kratie, which after consulting "14,000 inhabitants and combatants" had serious reservations about the proposed

coalition. Ten days ago, the Khmer Rouge charged that Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann, by "continuing attacks on Democratic Kampuchea," had adopted a stance that "ran contrary to wishes for national union."

"If Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann are true patriots," the Khmer Rouge said, "they should not continue to try to eliminate Democratic Kampuchea."

Observers believed the Khmer Rouge feared that a loose coalition would be achieved at their expense. They had agreed to the idea of a coalition government which would maintain the structures of Democratic Kampuchea while taking in the Sihanouk and Son Sann forces.

A loose coalition, on the other hand, would enable Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann to remain distinct and not be integrated into Democratic Kampuchea, tarnished by the massacres of Cambodian citizens between 1975 and 1979.

Ration card assures fair share

Maputo solves queues, not food problems

MAPUTO, Dec. 18 (R) — With a simple system of rationing, the capital of Mozambique has not solved its food problems but has put an end to long queues of shoppers. The long lines of often-frustrated people common along the Mediterranean-style avenues of the Indian Ocean port a year ago have now largely disappeared.

Food stores are little better supplied but officials say the advent of the ration card means that all citizens now get a fair share of what there is.

"We used to have queues all over the place, sometimes 300 meters to a kilometer long," said Mario Guerreiro, head of the state organization GOAM which runs Maputo's new rationing system.

"Sometimes people lined up for two days, adults missing work, children missing school, with no guarantee at the end of that time they would get what they were waiting for. Now people are assured of their allocation each month, whatever time they choose to go and get it. The ration card has given them food security."

GOAM is an acronym for Gabinete de Organizacao do Abastecimento da Cidade de Maputo which translates from the Portuguese as office of the new system of organization of provisions for the city of Maputo.

It was set up in March in an attempt to cure chronic food shortages suffered by the capital's 800,000 inhabitants virtually since Mozambique won its independence from Portugal in 1975.

Government officials and Western diplomats say that a mass exodus of Portuguese, fleeing the incoming Marxist black

majority government of President Samora Machel, left the country's food distribution network in chaos.

Even now, they say, 50 percent of the Mozambique's transport, vital for moving food from the countryside to the towns, is out of action at any one time due to lack of spares arising from shortages of foreign exchange and lack of mechanics.

The officials and diplomats report few signs of real hunger in the countryside, where the peasants generally appear to be growing enough to sustain themselves. The main problem, they say, lies in moving food to the towns, principally Maputo, which lies at the southern end of the country.

The government decided that Maputo would ration cereals (maize in grain and flour — an African staple — rice and pasta), sugar, oil, lard, margarine, washing soap, toilet soap and detergents.

Guerreiro said that chosen products were those in greatest demand and shortest supply. "Things like meat, fish, chicken are not so much of a problem," he said. "The people have not been accustomed to buying such things in quantity every day."

Then 2,000 persons were employed for two weeks to conduct a census in the capital. Each person was allocated a ration card and a shop from which he would obtain his supplies.

The ration was the same for every man, woman and child in the capital. The total amount available is determined two months ahead (November supplies being allocated for distribution in January for example), so that citizens can be told well in advance

what to expect. "This is what we mean by food security," said Guerreiro.

The average monthly ration for each person, Guerreiro said, is 4.5 kilograms of cereals, 1.5 kilograms of sugar, half-a-liter of oil, and 650 grams of soaps and detergent.

Guerreiro said few people cheat because most citizens appreciate that some order has replaced anarchy in the market place. But he said computer scans of ration card allocations occasionally turned up a person who had managed to obtain two cards.

In the first instance, the offender is given a good talking. "We tell him he is cheating and wrong, that he is taking food from the mouth of his brother. We try to make him understand what he is doing," Guerreiro said. If that fails and the cheat persists, "we must study what kind of punishment would be suitable," he said.

(The official news agency, AIM, reported that 57 food black marketers were sentenced this month to between one and two years detention in re-education centers. These centers are a form of open prison, situated in the countryside, where compulsory agricultural labor is combined with political education.)

"The rationing system works," said Guerreiro in his office in central Maputo where he leads an administrative staff of 150. "Generally, people cooperate because they remember the way it was before when people who had money or friend in high places could have everything they wanted while others did with nothing. Now everyone gets the same."

Dressings contaminated, U.K. says

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — British Health Minister Gerard Vaughan said Friday first-aid dressings imported from India were contaminated with "a variety of bacteria" and could have been in circulation in Britain for a year or more.

The Health Ministry reported Thursday tests were being done to decide whether the dressings — commonly used in home, office and car first-aid kits — were contaminated with bacteria causing gangrene, tetanus or botulism.

But Vaughan, in a statement to the House of Commons, said, "we know they are contaminated with a variety of bacteria, but at this stage we don't know exactly what the

bacteria are."

He said similar dressings imported into Australia two months ago were found to be infected following an investigation of gangrene. "The risk from using these contaminated dressings is small but real," Vaughan said. He advised the public to destroy any that are found.

The non-adhesive wound dressings bear no manufacturer's name or brand name.

The Health Ministry identified the makers of the dressings as three Indian manufacturers: Jayer Exports, Basrihat Weaving Industries and Joy Industries. There was no immediate comment from the manufacturers.

SDP, Liberals favored

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Britain's new centrist political alliance between the 9-month-old Social Democratic Party and the long-established but small Liberal Party now commands the support of half the nation, according to an opinion poll published Friday.

A Gallup poll in *The Daily Telegraph* said the Social Democrats have doubled their following since September. It said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ruling Conservatives and the opposition Labor Party have slumped to the lowest ratings since the end of World War II. Poll asked voters which party they would support in a general election: 36 percent chose the SDP, 14.5 percent Liberal, 23.5 percent Labor, 23 percent Conservative

Court awards Howard Hunt libel damages

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 18 (R) — Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt was awarded \$650,000 in libel damages Thursday against a Washington-based political organization, Liberty Lobby.

Hunt, a former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), sued over an article in Liberty Lobby's *Weekly* newspaper in 1978 headlined "CIA to nail Hunt for Kennedy killing."

The defense argued that the article, written by another former CIA agent, Victor Marchetti, was not defamatory because it did not say that Hunt was actually involved in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, only that the CIA was out to frame him for purposes of its own. A federal court jury of four men and two women disagreed and awarded Hunt \$100,000 in compensatory damages and \$550,000 in punitive damages.

Hunt, 63, served 33 months in jail after pleading guilty to wiretapping and conspiracy charges stemming from the 1972 Watergate break-in which ultimately led to the downfall of President Richard Nixon.

Hunt's lawyer told the court that he was "an honorable man" struggling to remake his life after the Watergate incident and was "sick and tired of being a target."

Soviet bloc aides meet in Vientiane

VIENTIANE, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Deputy Foreign Ministers of several pro-Soviet Socialist countries began a two-day conference here Friday described by Laotian Vice Premier Phoumi Vongvichit as illustrating "militant solidarity" between Communist-ruled Indochina and the Moscow-led Socialist bloc.

The conference, called by the three Indochinese states — Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia — brought together deputy ministers from Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, the Soviet Union, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Mongolia and Hungary. In addition, East Germany was represented by a special envoy and Poland by its ambassador to Laos. Phoumi Vongvichit, who is also education minister and a member of the ruling Lao People's Revolutionary Party, chaired Friday morning's inaugural session. He lashed out at "Sino-American collusion" which he termed a "threat" to peace and security in the region.

The conference had been due to open Wednesday, but was postponed due to the late arrival of some delegations.

ICAO tells states to use hijack rule

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in a move triggered by last month's abortive mercenary invasion of the Seychelles, has warned member states to apply international legislation on hijacking.

A board meeting here Thursday night condemned the Nov. 25 hijacking of an Air-India jet by 44 fleeing mercenaries from Seychelles to Durban, South Africa, and said they should be tried or extradited for trial elsewhere.

The South African authorities ordered 39 of the mercenaries to be released, while five others have been bailed out on charge of kidnapping. The final ICAO resolution warned of the "vulnerability of small, particularly progressive, African countries."

The text, which was approved unanimously after a minor change requested by Venezuela, was submitted by Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, France, India, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, and Uganda.

German vessel sinks

WELLINGTON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The German Antarctic research vessel *Godard II* sank Friday in the Antarctic ice pack after its 41 crew members had been taken off by helicopters. The 3,500-ton Antarctic research vessel was caught in heavy pack ice which damaged several of its hull plates.

Pumping equipment was brought in by American helicopters but it was unable to cope with the flooding.

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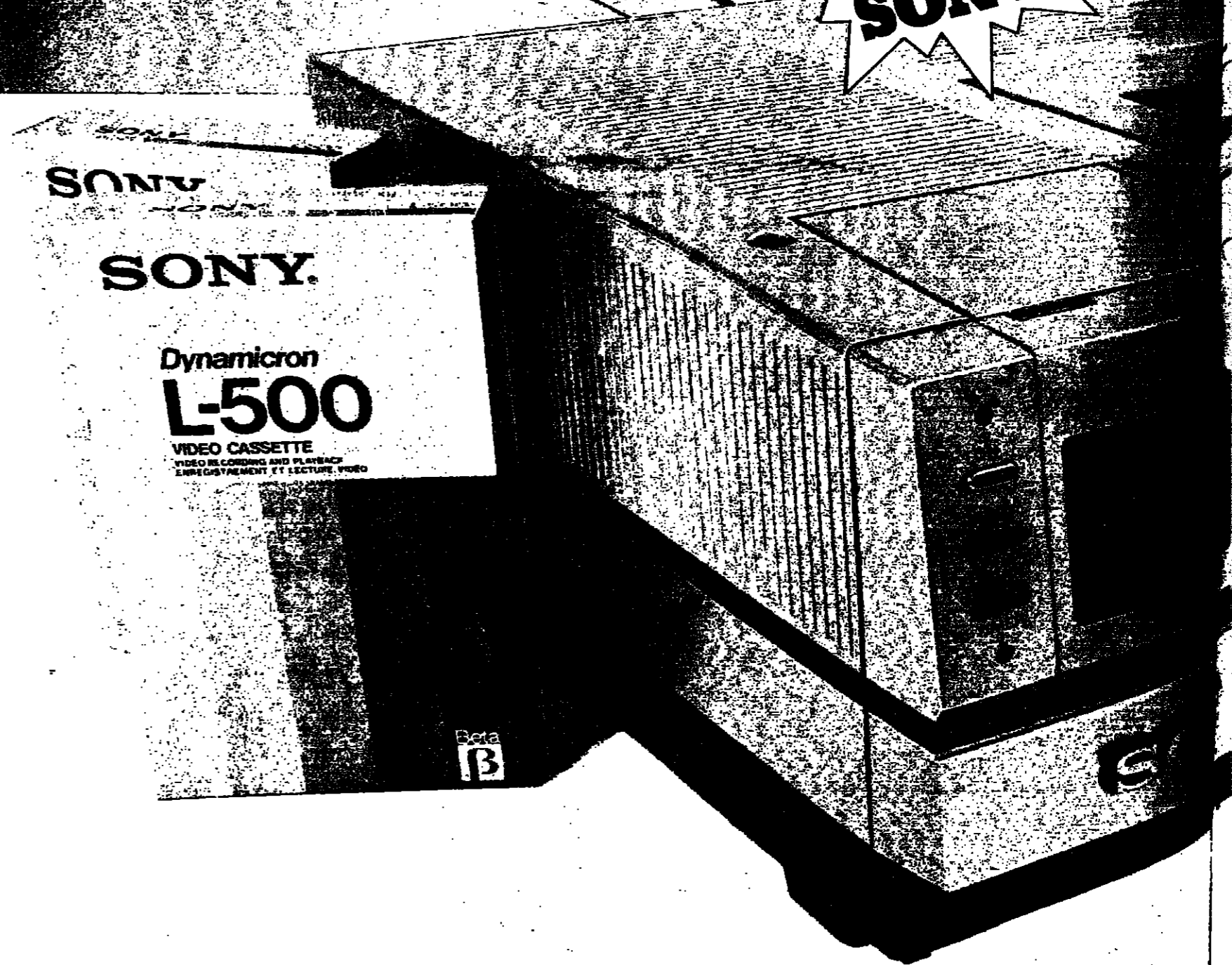
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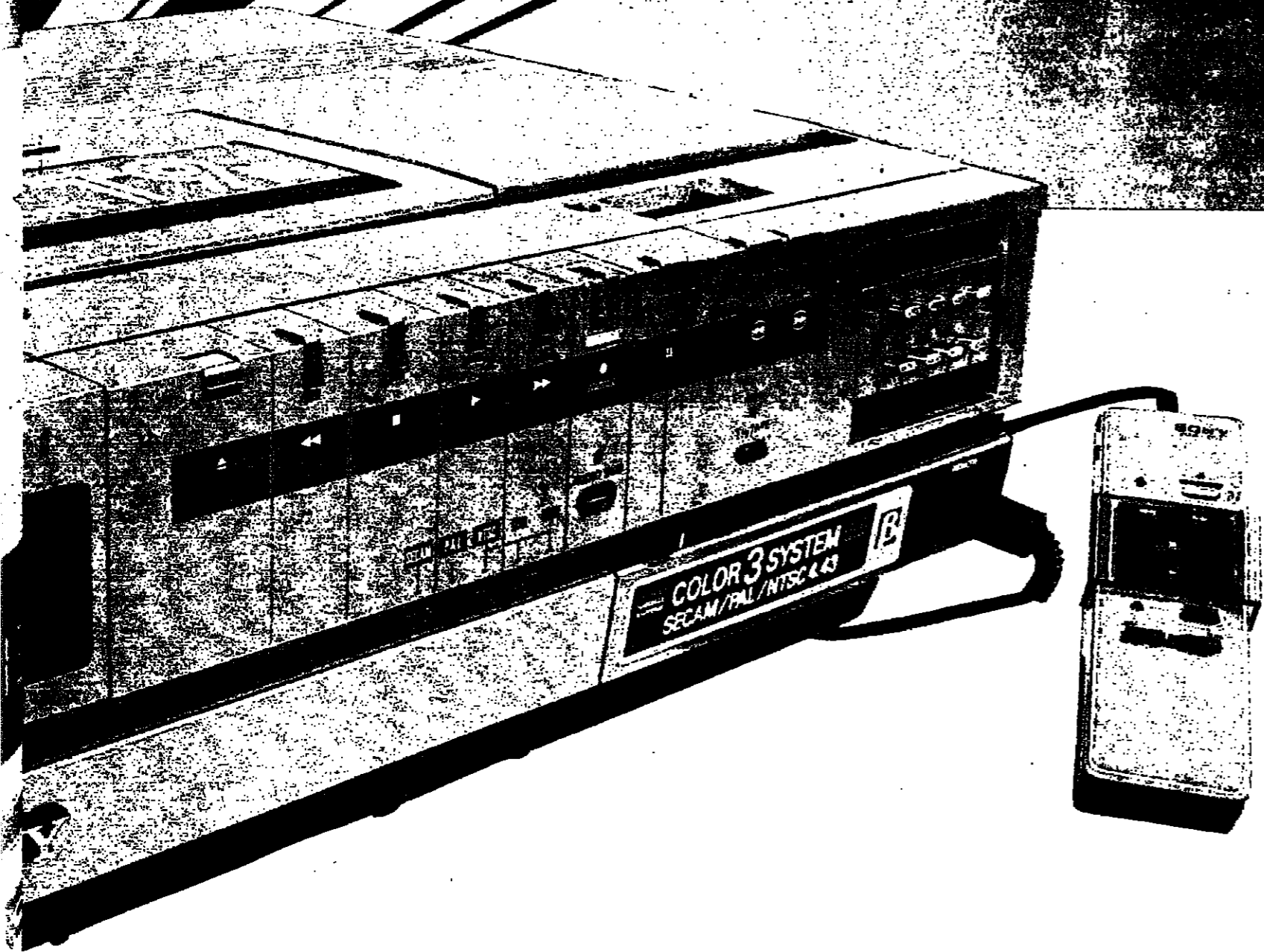
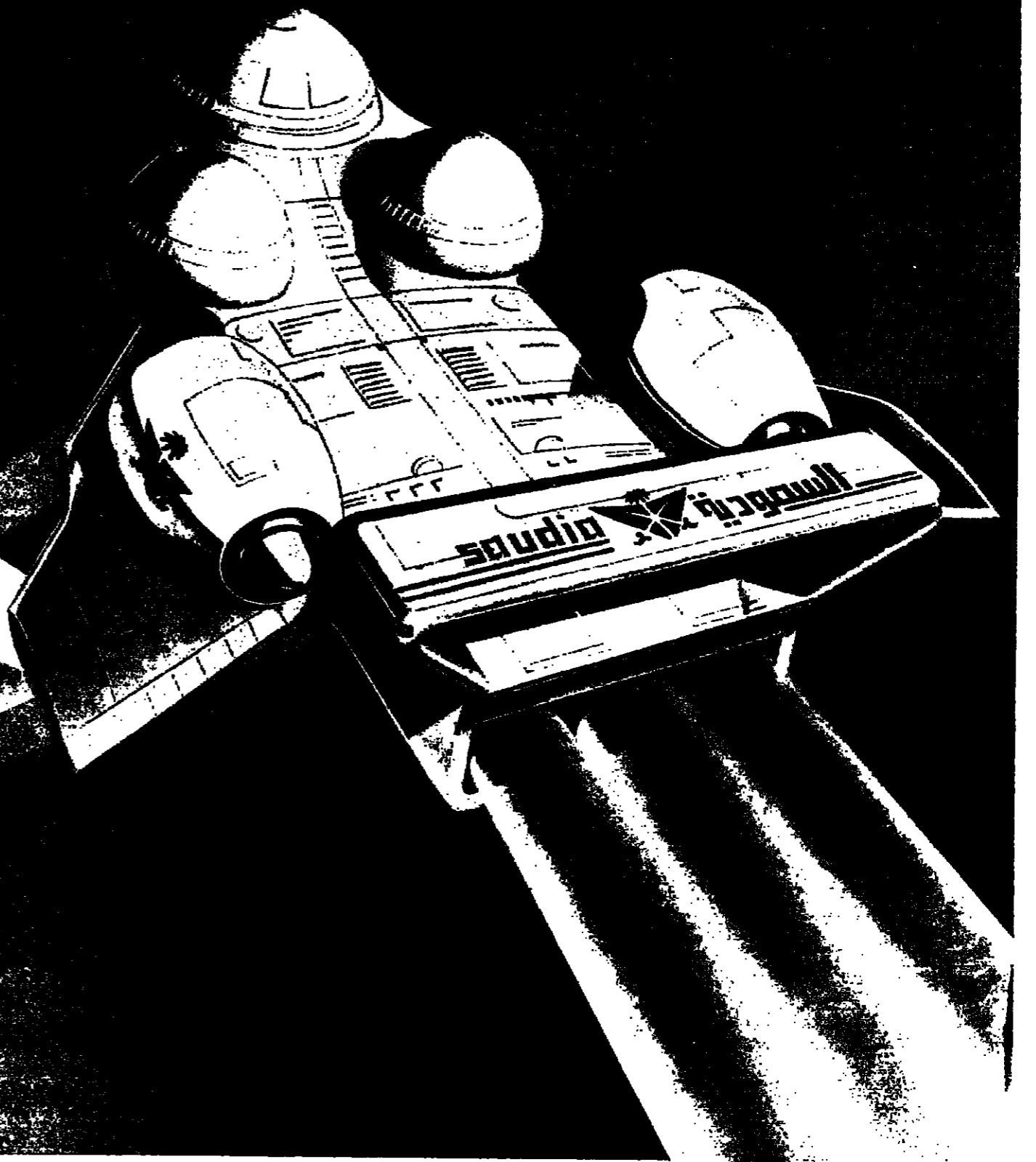
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IDA to reduce aid to poor countries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — World Bank President Tom Clausen has said the decision by Congress to restrict funds for the International Development Association (IDA) would mean a major cutback in credits for the poorest countries.

He said the bank would be about \$1 billion short on expenditure up to the end of next June. Congress Wednesday approved \$700 million for the IDA, a substantial reduction from earlier commitments. Other countries have indicated they would follow the U.S. lead and Clausen told reporters the bank's estimated total funding would be about \$2.6 billion.

The Reagan administration and some Congressmen have been critical of IDA lending practices on the grounds that funds have gone to countries opposed to U.S. foreign policy goals. IDA, an affiliate of the World Bank, gives credits to countries on an essentially interest-free basis and thus has become a lending institution of last resort for the very poorest nations.

Clausen said the World Bank would immediately develop plans to provide more loans to countries "to offset to some degree the cuts we will have to make in our IDA

plans." The approach could mean an increase in the World Bank lending program of "several hundreds of millions of dollars in the current fiscal year," Clausen said.

"The structure of IDA, the design of the IDA project, will have to be reviewed," the World Bank's top officer said, "developing to a much greater degree such approaches as co-financing, and stimulating the role of the private sector in the development process." Increased interest rates on IDA loans and a shortening of the loan repayment period (presently 50 years) are being considered, Clausen said.

The bank will seek diversification of its borrowing sources, Clausen said, adding that World Bank borrowing will surpass \$8 billion this year, \$9 billion next year and \$10 billion the following year. The World Bank has borrowed \$1.1 billion on the U.S. market in the past several weeks, Clausen said.

Loans for energy development will reach \$3 billion in fiscal year 1982, Clausen said, against \$2.3 billion in fiscal year 1981. "The goal is not so much to create a World Bank affiliate charged with energy but to increase resources available for energy development," Clausen said.

Occidental halts work on shale oil project

GRAND JUNCTION, Colorado, Dec. 18 (AP) — Occidental Oil Shale Corporation announced Thursday it is halting development of a \$4 billion oil shale project, originally planned to be one of the world's largest underground mines.

The shutdown will mean laying off more than 500 employees who work at the Cathedral Bluffs project on Colorado's rugged western slope, the company said. A test project, designed to develop techniques for extracting oil from the shale, will continue. The company is a joint venture of Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Tenneco.

Chairman William Love said that development of the project was beginning to cost too much. He cited rising construction costs and a slump in the oil market. Love said that when contracts run out in about six months, all construction work will cease. He said he hopes to resume development in the future.

U.S., EEC may again slash Third World textile imports

GENEVA, Dec. 18 (AP) — The United States, the European Economic Community and the developing textile exporting countries were reported nearer agreement Thursday on stricter controls of exports of textiles and clothing from the Third World to industrial states, whose textile industries have been in serious trouble.

Sources of the 51-nation textile conference said a draft text gradually emerging from informal discussions among the major participants clearly appeared to favor further curbs sought by advanced states on their imports from low-cost countries. The sources said the conference Thursday night held a full discussion of the document. Its nature was not clearly described, but all sources agreed that the final aim was to work it into a protocol for extending the multilateral arrangement which runs out at the end of this year.

It would be the third version of the 1973 treaty which, in its original form, committed the advanced states to guarantee the developing countries a minimum annual six percent growth of their deliveries. In the second treaty version in force 1978-81 the six percent clause was invalidated, but the Western states

claimed that imports from low-cost countries though reduced continued high enough to damage the Western states industries and further controls were needed.

An accord reached in Geneva would be only provisional since it requires approval by the council of foreign ministers of the European Community. After giving the EEC delegation here a negotiating mandate on major points a few weeks ago, the council pointedly announced that it retains the right to veto any agreement concluded in Geneva.

Fresh levies unlikely, Reagan says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) — President Ronald Reagan, faced with the prospect of unprecedented budget deficits, has ruled out any new tax increases.

He told a press conference, Thursday that the only way to balance the budget is to control government spending and increase general economic prosperity.

"You can balance the budget by robbing the people, by imposing a punitive tax system on the people, which may be once will give you the benefits you want, but then you will also find you've torpedoed your economy and you will go right back into recession," the president said.

Campaigning for the presidency last year, Reagan vowed to balance the Federal budget by 1984. Recently, leaks from the administration have projected record deficits of more than \$100 billion for each of the next three years.

Subsidies to farmer, higher output put strain on Bangladesh economy

By Tyler Marshall

DACCA, Dec. 18 (LAT-WP) — With considerable effort, Bangladesh managed to do just what its small army of international advisors wanted in order to raise food production.

Irrigation was expanded, fertilizers and pesticides distributed. The government even reduced the farmers' risk by pledging to purchase surplus production at a guaranteed support price. And last year, good weather blessed the endeavor. The result: bumper crops but financial catastrophe. Record grain harvests have cost the government \$110 million in unplanned crop procurement and \$40 million in emergency storage facilities.

The unbudgeted expenditure helped balloon public debt to such a level that the International Monetary Fund last June suspended payments under a \$1-billion, three-year loan considered vital to the country's economic life. Faced with no alternative, Bangladesh was forced into expensive short-term commercial money markets, borrowing \$200 million at interest rates of around 16 percent, roughly double the IMF rate. Although the \$200 million in loans is modest by world standards, added interest costs will put a further dent in the country's already meager foreign exchange reserves.

For six weeks this summer, the government drastically curtailed imports, permitting only fertilizers and oil to be purchased. Restrictions have since been eased, but not completely. "Good crops this year could drive the country into further fiscal trouble," predicted one aid official here. "It's hard for a country like Bangladesh to survive more than two good food seasons."

For instance, foreign assistance specialists believe that any government retreat from its price-support policy could endanger future production levels. But the only alternative, they say, is a slowdown in overall development. That a food-poor nation like Bangladesh should suffer because of a bumper crop has shocked many outsiders. Economists blame inflexibilities in the foreign aid program as the primary cause.

Nearly 20 percent of the \$11 billion in foreign assistance received by Bangladesh in its decade of independence has come as food. In the famine year of 1979, more than 2 million tons of donated grain prevented large-scale starvation. The government resells most of this grain through ration shops, generating additional revenue to underwrite other programs.

But with the record harvests, donor countries predictably cut their food aid. For the year ending last June, it plummeted to barely 500,000 tons. Without free grain to resell, and saddled with the commitment to purchase and store far more domestic grain than expected, public debt soared.

Government attempts to sell existing grain stocks into the glutted market also fell below

Iraq reduces oil price

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Japanese oil company customers have been told by Iraq that its rate for "Basrah Light" will be reduced 50 cents to \$34.21 a barrel Jan. 1, informed sources said Friday.

They have also been told by Oman, not in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), that its light crude will cost \$35 Jan. 1, the Idemitsu Kosan Refining Company said. This would be one dollar below the official Oman rate, but a rise of one dollar on the actual price, the firm said.

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Iran imports of U.S. farm products may hit \$300m

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Sales of American farm commodities to Iran may reach \$300 million this year, slowly regaining a lucrative market that was interrupted by takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran two years ago, an Agriculture Department expert said Thursday.

Even before Iranian militants took embassy personnel as hostages Nov. 4, 1979, the Iranian government had begun to wind down purchases of U.S. food. Total sales that year, however, still totaled \$415 million.

John B. Parker of the department's economic research service said only a trickle of U.S. commodities reached Iran in 1980, totaling about \$8 million. "They haven't returned fully to us as a supplier of anything but wheat," Parker said. The U.S. hostages were released earlier this year after more than 16 months of captivity, and the way was cleared for a resumption of trade between the two countries. By March, wheat shipments were on their way to Iran.

Although Iran is overshadowed by some other countries as a buyer of U.S. commodities — about a dozen buy \$1 billion worth or more each year — it is considered a valuable market, by other suppliers as well. Parker, in a telephone interview, said Iran's food imports from all sources this year "are really up in the air" and may reach a record of \$3.4 billion.

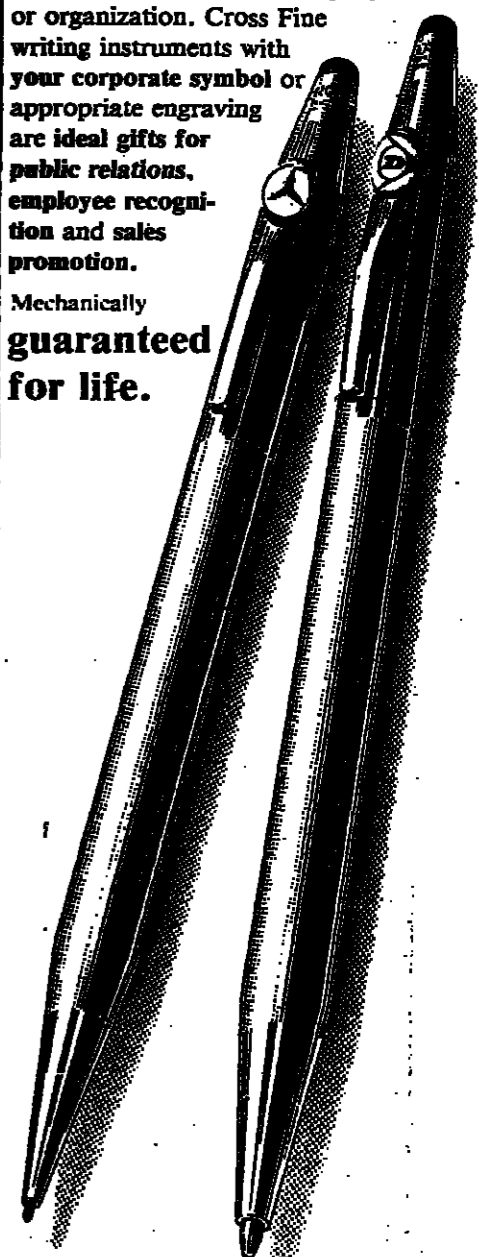
"A lot of people wonder how they pay for it, but if you look at their petroleum exports we see that those will be in vicinity of \$13 billion this year," he said. Iran's total import bill for all items "are not much more than they're getting from petroleum" which means it does not have a large trade deficit, Parker said.

expectations, adding further to budgetary troubles. Aid specialists here suggest one way to correct the problem is to build a degree of flexibility into aid commitments that would allow "trading" food aid for other items rather than lose the assistance completely. Such flexibility would ease fiscal pressures imposed by good agricultural yields, they believe. Some countries are said to be actively reviewing this possibility. The United States, for example, is reportedly considering an option that would permit Bangladesh to receive a limited amount of cotton or edible oils in place of grain during years of plenty. Bangladesh textile mills run on imported cotton. Cooking oil, a family staple, also must be imported.

But aid officials hold out little hope of a quick, large-scale liberalization of the aid program. Getting a donor country to alter its aid mix is difficult because so many arms of the bureaucracy are involved.

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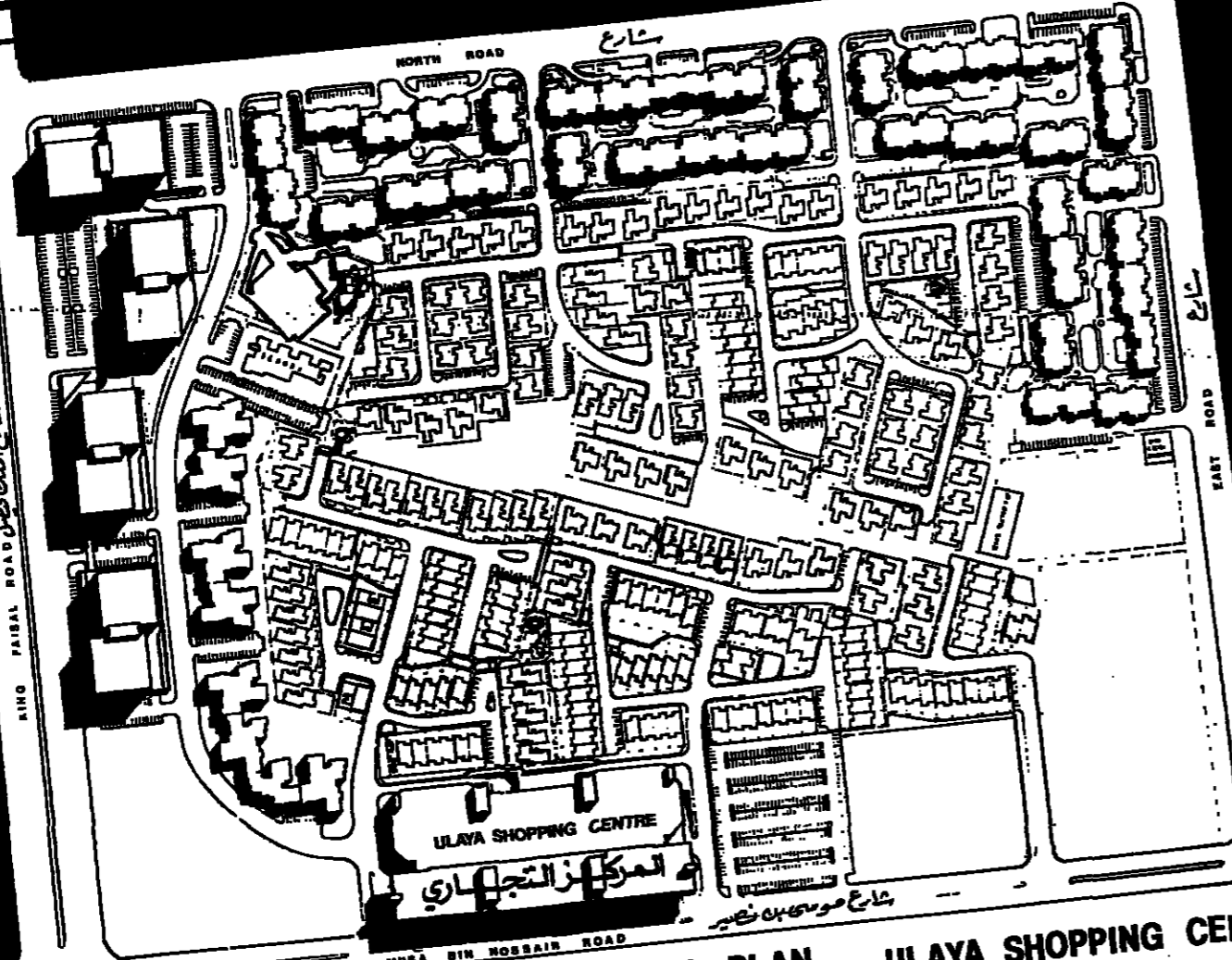
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Japan to build \$1b refinery for Kuwait

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (R) — Japan's JGC Corporation said Friday it has won an order worth about \$1 billion from the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) to build an oil refinery at Mina Al-Ahmedi along the Gulf by 1985.

Under new U.K. bill Private sector to get North Sea oil shares

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — Britain's right-wing Conservative government has pressed ahead with plans to sell off state North Sea oil assets to private investors by defying vigorous objections by the opposition Labor Party.

Tanzania stops private trade in livestock

DAR ES SALAAM, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Tanzania has revoked all private livestock marketing licences as part of its effort to eliminate middlemen and keep prices down.

Iran files \$36b suit in U.S. against aides of former Shah

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — The government of Iran has filed a lawsuit here against 62 alleged associates of the family of the late Shah of Iran in an attempt to recover monies it claims amount to \$36 billion.

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U.K. coalminers reject pay offer, call for strike

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Leaders of Britain's powerful National Union of Mineworkers voted overwhelmingly Friday to reject a 9.3-percent pay offer from the State Coal Board and to ask members to vote on a nationwide strike.

U.S. assails European farm subsidy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — The administration of President Ronald Reagan is actively trying to end European export trade subsidy programs that it says is interfering with free global trade of farm commodities.

Earlier, Agriculture Secretary John Block blamed the European export subsidy program for driving down world grain prices and forcing the United States to pay out \$400 million this year to American wheat farmers under domestic price support programs.

U.S. factory use drops to 74.9%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — American manufacturing plants operated at just 74.9 percent of capacity in November, the lowest rate since July 1980 during last year's recession, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board reported Thursday.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — The stock market showed a small gain Friday morning, following through on Thursday's late upswing.

By Western banks Decision on Polish plea unlikely

FRANKFURT, Dec. 18 (AFP) — A decision on a Polish request to Western banks for a \$350 million loan is likely to be deferred for some weeks, a banking source said here Friday.

lowy and private Western creditors on rescheduling \$2.4 billion worth of bank debts not guaranteed by governments, which fell due in the last three quarters of 1981.

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Leaders of Britain's powerful National Union of Mineworkers voted overwhelmingly Friday to reject a 9.3-percent pay offer from the State Coal Board and to ask members to vote on a nationwide strike.

The three who voted to accept the offer were booed. One miner jeered: "when were they last down a pit?" With the vote Britain's 230,000 coalminers set a course of confrontation with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

The last Tory government — led by Edward Heath — was brought down by a National Coalminers' strike in the winter of 1974 which had put the nation on a three-day working week as power supplies dwindled.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Thursday he believes the proposed breakup of American Telephone and Telegraph Co. would harm national security and damage the United States' ability to fight a war.

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Dollar strengthens

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The dollar advanced when dealing opened here Friday because of concern over the latest developments in Poland.

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Abdul-Jabbar's exit sees Warriors thru

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers have plenty of talent from one end of the roster to the other, but when the man in the middle, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, isn't around, the opposition takes special notice.

The Lakers played with their 7-foot-2 center in foul trouble for the last 17 minutes of their National Basketball Association game with Golden State Thursday night, and both sides agreed it was an important factor in the Warriors' 120-115 victory.

"They could do a lot of different things when they didn't have to worry about the big guy in there," said the Lakers' Magic Johnson. "They took advantage of that situation by running hard, getting inside and taking advantage of some mismatches."

"Sure, having Kareem out of three made a difference," said Bernard King, who scored 20 of his game-high 33 points in the first half for the Warriors. "With him out we could play real strong man-to-man defense."

In other NBA action, Indiana edged Detroit 100-96; Denver bombed Atlanta 138-103 and Seattle tripped San Diego 106-92.

Free, who followed King with 32 points, led a second-half surge in which the Warriors outscored the Lakers 33-19 in the third quarter to nearly erase a 72-56 half-time deficit built on the brilliant play of Abdul-Jabbar, who finished with 28 points. The Lakers got 22 points from Jamaal Wilkes and 20 from Norm Nixon.

The game was tight throughout the final quarter, with the Lakers holding a 107-104 lead until the Warriors reeled off 10 straight points, five by Free, to take control of the game.

It was the second straight 30-point scoring game for King as the Warriors snapped a two-game losing streak and handed the Lakers only their third loss in 14 games since Pat Riley took over as coach when Paul Westhead was fired.

NUGGETS 138, HAWKS 103: Kiki Vandeweghe scored 14 of his 18 points in a six-minute span in the second half as Denver ran away from Atlanta to set a club record for winning margin.

The Nuggets led only 64-61 at half-time, but they outscored the Hawks 39-15 to open a 103-76 advantage early in the fourth quarter. Atlanta went 5½ minutes without scoring during a 17-0 Denver streak. Alex English led Denver scorers with 24 points, and Glen Gondrezick had 21. John Drew tallied 22 for Atlanta.

SONICS 106, CLIPPERS 92: Gus Williams scored 24 points and Jack and Lonnie Shelton both added 19 as Seattle took advantage of injury-riddled San Diego. Brian Taylor and Swen Nater missed the game for the Clippers, while guards Phil Smith and Freeman Williams and center Jerome Whitehead played despite injuries. The SuperSonics broke open a close game with a 17-6 spurt early in the third period to hand the Clippers their fourth straight loss.

Bacchus to open for Windies

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 18 (AP) — West Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd Friday cracked the whip demanding a better effort from his players for Saturday's important Benson and Hedges Cup match against Pakistan at the WACA ground here.

"We have come to the point where we have to turn the corner," said Lloyd after a strenuous three-hour practice session. Lloyd, who had earlier organized an early morning run for his team, said that the situation was not yet desperate. "But we must start to play a bit better, or else we could find ourselves in plenty of trouble," he said.

The West Indies, winners of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup competition against Australia and England in Australia two seasons ago, and favorites for this summer's series, have made a poor start. The West Indies have played three games and have lost to Australia in Sydney and to Pakistan in Adelaide after beating Pakistan in Melbourne. Pakistan with three wins from five games head the Cup table ahead of Australia with two wins from four games.

With star opener Gordon Greenidge in

Melbourne receiving specialist treatment for damaged medial ligaments in his right knee, the West Indies will promote Faoud Bacchus to open the innings with Desmond Haynes.

Bacchus, who hurt his ankle during his unbeaten innings of 103 against the Queensland country side in Caloundra two days ago, has made a complete recovery and hit the ball with refreshing aggression in the nets Friday.

There is a strong possibility that only four of the West Indies' six fast bowlers will be selected, leaving vice-captain Viv Richards with the task of bowling 10 overs of off-spin in the restricted overs match.

Jeff Dujon, who scored a century in the match against NSW in Sydney late last month, is expected to play. He could also be required to keep wickets in place of the side's Test wicket-keeper David Murray, who has just recovered from a badly bruised finger. The tiny right-hander Gus Logie (21) may also be used as a specialist batsman.

Pakistan, who practised late in the afternoon, have no injury worries, but are likely to make one change to the side that thrashed Australia by six wickets in Sydney Thursday.



GETTING SET: India, the proud host of the Asian Games late next year, gets set for Asia's biggest event. Seen above is the model of the indoor stadium that is being constructed in New Delhi where a few of the disciplines will be held.

Wilkinson wins, but not crowd's hearts

SYDNEY, Dec. 18 (AFP) — American Tim Wilkinson was booed and jeered off the White City Stadium court here Friday by a hostile crowd for ungentlemanly conduct in a quarter-final match of the New South Wales Open Tennis Championships.

Wilkinson advanced to the semi-finals after a bitterly contested 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over Australia's Phil Dent. Wilkinson refused to shake the umpire's hand and stormed off the court after the victory. He will meet American Steve Denton in Saturday's semi-final. Denton beat American Hank Pfister 6-4, 7-6 in another quarter-final.

New Zealand Davis Cupper Chris Lewis also moved into the semi-finals by defeating Australia's John Alexander 6-1, 6-1. Lewis will meet either sixth-seeded Mark Edmondson or Chris Johnstone, both Australian, in Saturday's semi-final.

Wilkinson bounced back in his match, saving two match points in a tense game of the second set to bring himself level. Dent saved two match points in the eighth game of the final set and another four in the ninth game before losing the decisive set. Wilkinson upset Dent during the second set by allegedly wasting time between points.

He said: "Sure, I took too long and the umpire had the watch and he said 30 seconds. 'That was my fault. It was stupid and I will apologize.' But Wilkinson admitted: 'I haven't been to the dressing room yet. I don't want to go near him.'"

Dent said that Wilkinson was being a fool. "It's alright to play it hard, and it's alright to

play it tough, but you've got to play like a human being as well. I don't know whether I will accept his apology, but probably, yes I wouldn't care, it wouldn't worry me either way."

Dent, who served for the match in the 10th game, missed easy forehand volleys at the net after holding two match points.

U.S. golfers outplay Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The United States outplayed Japan 15-3 on the third and final day here Friday of the U.S.-Japan Collegiate Golf meet for their fifth consecutive victory in the two-nation series.

On the first and second days, the two teams shared the honors 6-6 and 9-9 respectively, but the American golfers took seven out of nine singles on the final day to score 15 points against Japan's three.

John Slaughter of Houston University drew with Hiroshi Tomimaga, of Seiji University, on the men's 6,216-meter, par-72 Tokyo Golf Club layout. Slaughter, with five points in the three-day contest, was named the men's best player.

Julie Simpson Inkster, U.S. national women's amateur champion for the past two seasons, was singled out as the women's best player for winning five points. Inkster beat Kazuyo of Kinki University, four-and-two over the women's 5,575-meter course.

Meanwhile, the European golf circuit will have more than £2.2 million (about \$4.5 million) in prize-money next season, the European Tournament Players' Division

announced at its headquarters at England Wednesday.

The sum is £400,000 up on cash handed out in 1981 and compares with a £one million total distributed four years ago. The available winnings are likely to swell further with the almost-certain return of the Portuguese Open and two other big tournaments in Spain.

No less than 11 backers have increased their prize input for 1982 and at least six tournaments will have more than 10,000, on offer, with the British Open the richest as next year it will be worth £250,000, 50,000 more than this year.

The season will last 27 weeks and among new competitions will be the Tunisian Open and a £60,000 tournament at Leeds, Yorkshire, in May. The £2.2 million prize figure excludes £250,000 available for five big events in the proposed "safari circuit" before the main season. Ken Schofield secretary of the E.T.P.D., said the 14 South African members of his organization would be barred from the Tunisian Open, at El Kantooui from April 15 to 18.

Chris ousts Tracy to make semis

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Dec. 18 (AP) — Chris Evert Lloyd stopped her nemesis Tracy Austin 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 in a marathon baseline battle and Martina Navratilova defeated Andrea Jaeger 6-2, 6-3 Thursday night to advance to the semifinals of the \$250,000 Toyota Tennis Championships at the Meadowlands Arena.

For Lloyd, the No. 2 seed, the three-hour, 18-minute victory was her seventh over Austin against eight defeats. The loss sent third-seeded Austin, the reigning U.S. Open champion, into a Friday night meeting against Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, who easily ousted Czechoslovakia's Hana Mandlikova 6-3, 6-3 in Thursday night's opening match.

Jaeger, seeded fourth, will meet fifth-seeded Pam Shriver, who eliminated No. 8 Virginia Ruzici of Romania 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 in the eight-woman, double-elimination tournament.

The tournament's No. 1 seed, Martina Navratilova had no trouble crushing her 16-year-old opponent in only 54 minutes. The Australian Open champion used her strong serve-and-volley game to break Jaeger's serve in the second and sixth games of the opening set.

In the second set, Jaeger won only two points in the first three games as Navratilova broke serve in the second game. Jaeger had to battle through five deuces to hold serve in the seventh game.

Austin and Lloyd pounded their two-fisted backhands cross court, staying on the baseline. Each jerked her opponent from side to side with groundstrokes and into the net with chip shots.

Lloyd broke her younger opponent in the opening game as Austin made numerous unforced errors. But Austin found the range quickly, and in the sixth game broke back at love to even the score 3-3.

Then came the marathon. Ten times they were at deuce. Only three times did Lloyd get to break point, but the 26-year-old, five-time U.S. Open champion staved off game-point eight times before finally succumbing.

On one point, there were 49 shots before Austin took the advantage, and that wasn't the longest point in the game. But Austin held, then broke Lloyd in the 10th game to capture the first set.

Austin immediately broke Lloyd again — a game that was delayed when some of the lights at the 5-month-old arena went out. But Lloyd broke right back, closing out the game with a cross-court smash. The two traded service breaks again in the sixth and seventh sets.

In the ninth game, Lloyd broke Austin at 30, then fought back from 15-40 to hold serve in the 10th game and take the second set.

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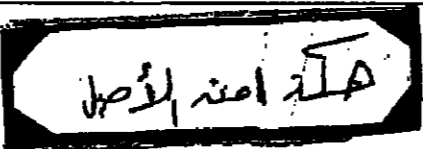
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World Cup skiing Outsiders to the fore

SAALBACH, Austria, Dec. 18 (AFP) — France's Marie Cecile Gros-gaudenier became the first Frenchwoman to win World Cup Alpine Skiing downhill in ten years here Friday.

As star skiers tumbled in the fast conditions the little known French skier attacked with gusto and finished a whole second up on the favorite, Switzerland's Foris de Agostini in 1:41.00 minutes.

Another surprise was the third place of 17-year-old Sigrid Wolf, in the Austrian team for the first time this season. Her time was 1:42.31.

Double olympic champion Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein fell in the second section of the Downhill pulling ligaments in her left knee. Holly Beth of the United States who had promised well in training was another faller.

The least surprised of all at her success Friday was the winner herself. Gros-gaudenier who had been fast in practice here. She had gone all out without thinking too much of the risk of a fall, she said.

Meanwhile, the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup Downhill scheduled for Sunday in Switzerland is under threat after Tornado winds prevented practice Friday.

In Oslo, Norway, it was reported that a record 654 competitors from 26 countries are to compete in the Nordic Skiing World Championships at Holmenkollen from February 18 to 28. Three new countries are competing this year — Australia, Greece and Hungary.

Kiwis face tough task in concluding match

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (R) — New Zealand meets Saudi Arabia Saturday in a match which will complete the list of finalists for next year's World Soccer Cup in Spain.

New Zealand must win by a six-goal margin or concede the 24th place in the finals to China as the Asia-Oceania section's second qualifier. Kuwait has already qualified as the section winners. New Zealand has scored more goals in qualifying games than any other nation, including a record 13-0 win over Fiji, but will be hard pressed to get the result they need to reach Spain.

Their 2-2 draw against Kuwait last Sunday, when Kuwait equalized in the final minute, has cost them dearly. The heat and artificial surface at Riyadh stadium are both likely to count against the New Zealanders, who were held 2-2 by Saudi Arabia in Auckland last month.

The match will be broadcast by Saudi TV. Simultaneously, Radio Riyadh will broadcast running commentary in English by David Dixon. The commentary can be heard on Radio Jeddah too.

Poland withdraws

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Poland's field hockey team will not play in the World Cup in Bombay from Dec. 29 to Jan. 12 due to the political crisis in Poland, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) said Friday. Belgium will replace Poland for the event.

Meanwhile, in Karachi, Pakistan Hockey Federation announced a 16-member Pakistan hockey team that will compete in the forthcoming Bombay Tourney.

The 16 are: Akhtar Rasool (Captain), Manzoorul Hasan, Shaid Ali Khan, Nasir Naseem, Qamar Zia, Rashid W-Hasan, Saeed Ahmed Ishfaq Ahmed, Kalimullah, Manzur Junior, Hasan Sardar, Hanif Khan, Samiullah, Salim Sherwani, Saeed Khan and Abdul Rashid.



Sebastian Coe

Over 3,000 meters at home Big two set for showdown

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — World record holders Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett will have their long-awaited battle over 3,000 meters in a four-Nation Athletics International in London next July.

Andy Norman, England team manager for the Commonwealth Games next year in Brisbane, said Friday the pair would race each other in a meeting against Kenya, Spain and Japan at Crystal Palace on July 17.

Coe, 25, holds the world records for 800 meters, 1,000 meters, and the mile, while Ovett, who is a year older, has the world record for 1,500 meters.

Coe and Ovett have met only three times. The first clash came in the 1978 European Championships in Prague followed by the two eagerly-awaited contests at the Moscow Olympics two years later. Both were beaten by East German Olaf Beyer over 800 meters in Prague.

Ovett beat Coe in the 800 meters to take the gold medal in the Moscow Olympics. Coe struck back to take the gold in the 1,500 meters. Since then, their paths have never crossed although they have repeatedly snatched world records from each other.

Despite intense speculation over the

chances of another big-time battle between the two, few expected it to occur in Britain.

Despite their record-breaking achievements of this year, during which they shattered the world mile mark three times, there was speculation that the pair were avoiding each other. But Norman, a close friend of Ovett's, said Friday it had not needed much persuasion to bring them together. "I suppose the speculation by the media had a lot to do with it. I think they were both getting a little fed up with it," he said.

Norman also dismissed as pure speculation a newspaper report Friday that the pair would also meet over 800 meters and the mile at meets in Cologne and the United States next summer. "There is no agreement, and they will definitely not meet in Cologne because the date clashes with another engagement. There is only one meeting at this point," he said.

It is also regarded as more difficult to set up a head-to-head race between them over 800 or 1,500 meters, which Coe and Ovett regard respectively as their specialties. There is less prestige to be lost in a race over another distance. Intriguingly at Crystal Palace, there is a possibility the two will have to confront Kenyan Henry Rono, who holds the world record for 3,000 meters.



Steve Ovett

Algeria may prove to be the dark horse

Yugoslav coach realistic about World Cup chances

BELGRADE, Dec. 18 (R) — Yugoslav soccer coach Miljan Miljanic is reluctant to share his country's conviction that his team will be a major force in next year's World Soccer Cup finals.

Miljanic, who has built a fluent and dynamic young squad in his three-year reign, said: "The fans are insufficiently realistic and over patriotic. Sure we are capable of beating anybody, but equally we are never certain of avoiding defeat."

Miljanic has used a lot of players in an attempt to find the right blend since he took over the national team after a successful spell in charge of Real Madrid of Spain. Some 46 players have been tried and Miljanic said it was only this autumn that the 22-strong squad he wants to make to Spain finally came together.

Miljanic has taken advantage of the winter break in Yugoslav League Soccer to assemble his players — no simple task with a squad scattered throughout the world. Several of his men are with clubs in France, Belgium, Switzerland and the United States.

Fortunately for Miljanic, at least three of the four players he considers the backbone of his team play in the domestic league and found no problem joining the squad. After 20 days of light training, Miljanic plans to put his squad through an intensive session throughout January, then repeat the dose after the second half of the season ends in April.

Two players who have not joined the exodus to overseas clubs are Vladimir Petrovic of Red Star Belgrade and Safet Susic of Sarajevo. Petrovic, rated one of the best midfield players in Europe, combines precision passing, which can torture the best defenses, with stealth and guile in his positions which often brings him crucial goals. Susic returned to the national team for last month's qualifying game against Luxembourg after a year of compulsory national service.

He looked far from match fit, but certainly had lost none of his astonishing ball control and ability to baffle defenders with a mere shake of the hips. The square-built striker looked even better in the last qualifying match against Greece.

Ivica Surjak, is another key squad member.

Currently with Paris St. Germain, he can turn in a fine performance anywhere — except perhaps in goal. The Yugoslavs finished top of their qualifying group — which included Italy — with 13 points from eight matches and scored 22 goals with only seven against.

First choice goalkeeper is Dragan Pantelic, who plays for French club Bordeaux and also takes penalties. In the center of the defense is Velimir Zajec of Dinamo Zagreb, the fourth of Miljanic's automatic choices, and a commanding figure with a sharp tackle.

One player Miljanic would like to bring in to strengthen the defense is Nikola Jovanovic, with England's Manchester United. "Jovanovic sits on the bench now at United, and if they would allow him to rejoin temporarily his old teammates at Red Star it should prove good for both clubs as well as for the national team," Miljanic said.

Iko Buljan, who plays for New York Cosmos, Nenad Stojkovic, Zlatko Krmpotic and Zoran Vujovic — whose twin brother Zlatko plays up front — complete the basic defense squad.

In addition to Petrovic, Miljanic has other classy midfielders like Ivan Gudelj and Edhem Sivivo, with Antwerp, Belgium, at his disposal. Quality strikers include center-forward Vahid Halilhodzic now playing in France's FTR Nantes.

Meanwhile, in Algiers, the news that bookmakers had installed Algeria as 5,000 to one outsiders for the final failed to tempt a rush of money from hardened punters.

Not surprising really, but although Algeria will not dethrone Argentina in Spain next summer, the combined talents of midfielder Lakhdar Belloumi and the country's foreign legion of stars, who play in France, could have a surprising impact.

Belloumi is acclaimed in Algeria as half Diego Maradona and half Michel Platini. An exciting mixture indeed, but while Belloumi may not live up to that mantle in Spain he is certainly a character well worth watching.

Belloumi was the hero of Algeria's 2-0 win in Nigeria in the African Zone first-leg play-off when he scored the opening goal after a

mesmerizing 40-meter solo run and set up the second for Djamel Zitane, who plays for Courtrai in Belgium. That victory set up an astonishing second leg in Constantine which will be better remembered for the happenings before the match than Algeria's ultimate 2-1 triumph.

Thousands of Algerian fans camped out overnight in the streets surrounding the stadium and the ground was half-full eight hours before the kick-off. Algeria qualified for the final stages for the first time under the guidance of Soviet coach Yevgeni Rogov. And Rogov, with the help of two local coaches, has rejuvenated the side.

French exiles Farouk Mansouri (Montpellier), Nourredine Korichi (Bordeaux), Abdelkader Djadoni (Sochaux), Moustafa Abdellah (Paris St. Germain), Said Hamini (Brest) and Fathi Chebel (Besancon) have played their part, too, adding some much needed European grit. Algeria lost just one of their eight African Zone ties and proved to be no slouches in front of goal, scoring 16 and conceding six.

U.S. sports tid-bits

Carl Lewis among ten for Sullivan Award

By Cynthia Shanley

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 18 — Carl Lewis of the University of Houston has been named one of ten candidates for the Sullivan Award as the Amateur Athlete of the Year for his outstanding efforts in track and field.

Other athletes named include: Kathy Arendsen, softball; Evelyn Ashford, track; Scott Hamilton, figure skating; Greg Louganis, diving; Mary Maegher, Swimming; Tracy Ruiz, swimming; Lones Wigger, shooting; Chris Campbell, wrestling; and Sheila Young, cycling.

The winner will be announced at a banquet in Indianapolis next March or April.

University of Texas defensive tackle Kenneth Sims was awarded with the coveted Lombardi Trophy Dec. 10 at Houston's Hyatt Regency. The two-time All-America pick for the Longhorns got the nod over

Arkansas defensive end Billy Ray Smith, Penn State offensive guard Sean Farrell and Notre Dame linebacker Bob Crable in the Lombardi vote of college coaches throughout the nation.

The Lombardi trophy is a 40-pound block of granite that signifies the nation's best collegiate lineman.

Nearing the end of one of his finest seasons, Tony Dorsett of the Dallas Cowboys has sent one of his No. 33 game jerseys to President Ronald Reagan.

When Dorsett learned that 33 is President Reagan's lucky number, he sent the jersey, explaining in a letter he was doing so "to strengthen the power of our 33 and hopefully lead us to ever greater achievements."

Number 33 is a number that President Reagan has said is "Very special" to him. He wore the number when he played football for Wheaton College in Illinois. He also was the

33 governor of California.

Dorsett's letter and jersey were delivered to the President by Henry Zuniga, White House special assistant for Hispanic affairs, who was honored in Dallas last week.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar received a 45-second standing ovation in the first quarter of the Los Angeles Lakers-Utah Jazz game at the Forum Los Angeles. Abdul-Jabbar scored 14 points and became the second leading scorer in National Basketball Association (NBA) history.

Abdul-Jabbar, in his 13th NBA season, passed Oscar Robertson after 8:06 of the first quarter when he scored with a short left-handed hook shot, giving him seven points for the game and a career total of 26,711 points to Robertson's 26,710 points.

The game was stopped when Abdul-Jabbar reached the milestone and Robertson came out on the court to congratulate his "great friend."

Aussie Board may bypass MCG in future

PERTH, Dec. 18 (AP) — The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has warned it could bypass the controversial Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for Tests next summer.

The warning came after a meeting of the ACB executive at the WACA ground here Friday. ACB chairman Phil Ridings said in a statement the Board was satisfied that the Melbourne pitch was not up to first-class standard. The Board confirmed that the first Test between Australia and West Indies starting on Boxing Day would go ahead at the MCG.

But it warned that all big cricket could be taken off the ground next summer unless the wicket is improved. England makes a six-Test tour of Australia next summer with New Zealand the third team in the World Series Cup one-day competition.

After Friday's meeting, attended by Australian captain Greg Chappell, one of the most vocal critics of the MCG wicket, Ridings said: "We are satisfied that, though improvements have been made to center wicket levels this season, the pitch is not yet up to the standard required for first-class cricket. The Board appreciates that the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) is undertaking a great deal of work designed to effect further improvements."

"We are hopeful that the pitch for the Test against the West Indies will reflect the benefit of these efforts and be satisfactory. Should substantial improvements not be evident, the Board will immediately seek from the MCC acceptable plans for re-development of the MCG pitch area. Alternatively, the Board intends not scheduling cricket at the MCG next season."

The MCG pitches have been heavily criticized in the last few seasons. Chappell has said the MCG pitch, on which Australia lost the third cricket Test against Pakistan by an innings and 82 runs on Tuesday, was jeopardizing the careers of young Australian players. India also beat Australia at the MCG last season.

Chappell was present at the ACB executive committee meeting Friday and presented a report on the pitch.

Batsmen steal show in drawn encounter

JAMMU, India, Dec. 18 (AP) — The three-day match between the touring England cricketers and India's North Zone ended in a draw Friday in this Northern Indian city. Set to score 214 runs in 70 minutes plus 20 mandatory overs for a victory, the visitors made 127 without loss at the close of play.

Earlier Friday, North Zone, which snatched a 13-run first innings lead, declared its second innings closed after scoring 200 runs for the loss of five wickets. Ashok Malhotra remained unbeaten with 67 runs, made in 129 minutes. Malhotra parried Test discard Mohinder Amarnath in an unbroken 86-run sixth-wicket stand. Malhotra was also his team's highest scorer in the first innings, hitting 80 runs.

Spinner John Emburey was England's most successful bowler, claiming four wickets. Graham Gooch and Geoff Boycott opened England's second innings 40 minutes before the tea break. At close, Gooch was unbeaten with 60 runs while Boycott, the visitors' most experienced player, was not out with 59.

BRIEF SCORES: North Zone 167 and 200 for 5 decl. (C. Chauhan 43, R. Lamba 34, A. Malhotra 67 n.o., M. Amarnath 30 n.o.); J. Emburey 4 for 72, B. Willis 1 for 22 drew with England XI 154 and 126 for no wkt. (G. Gooch 60 n.o., G. Boycott 59 n.o.)

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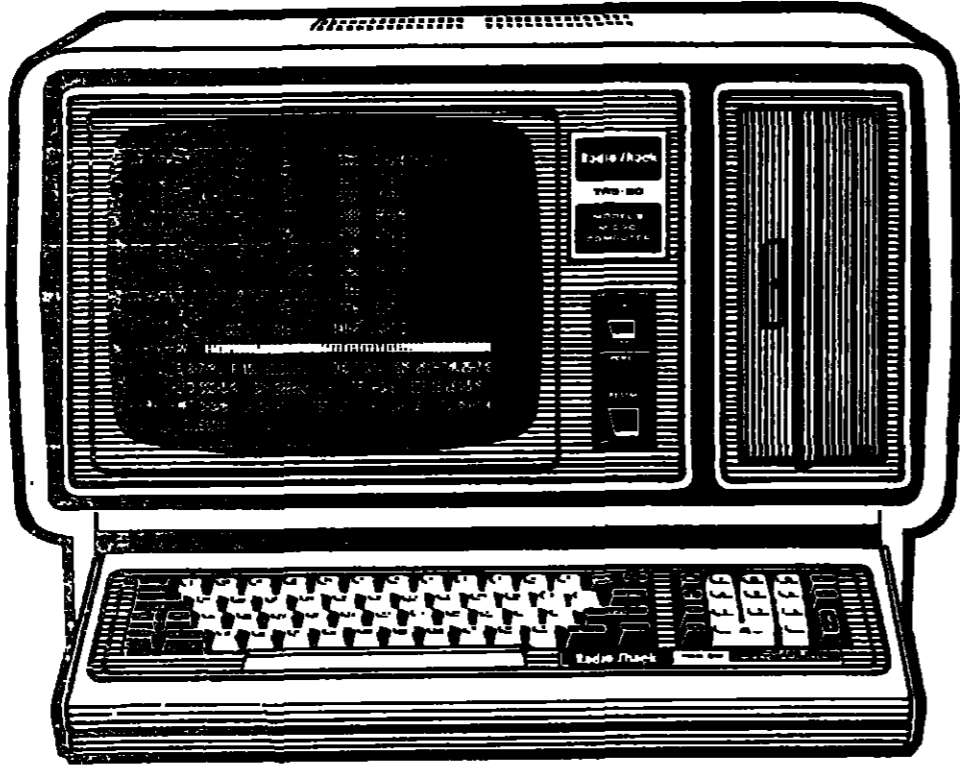
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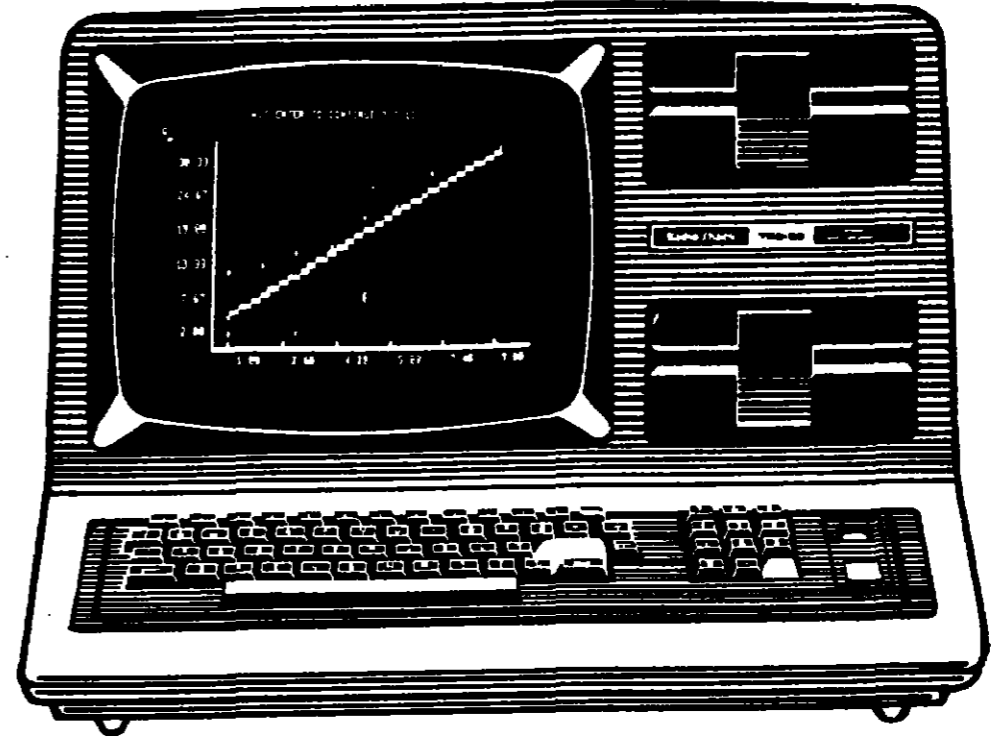
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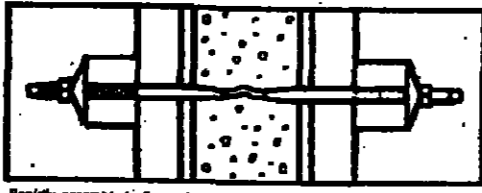
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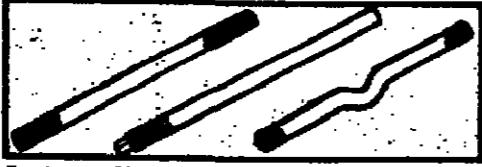
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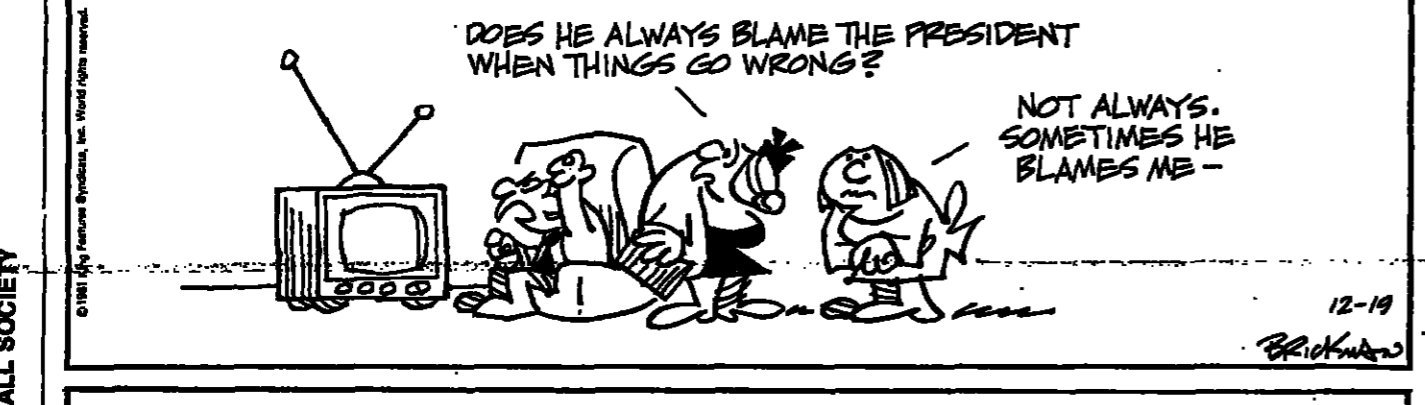
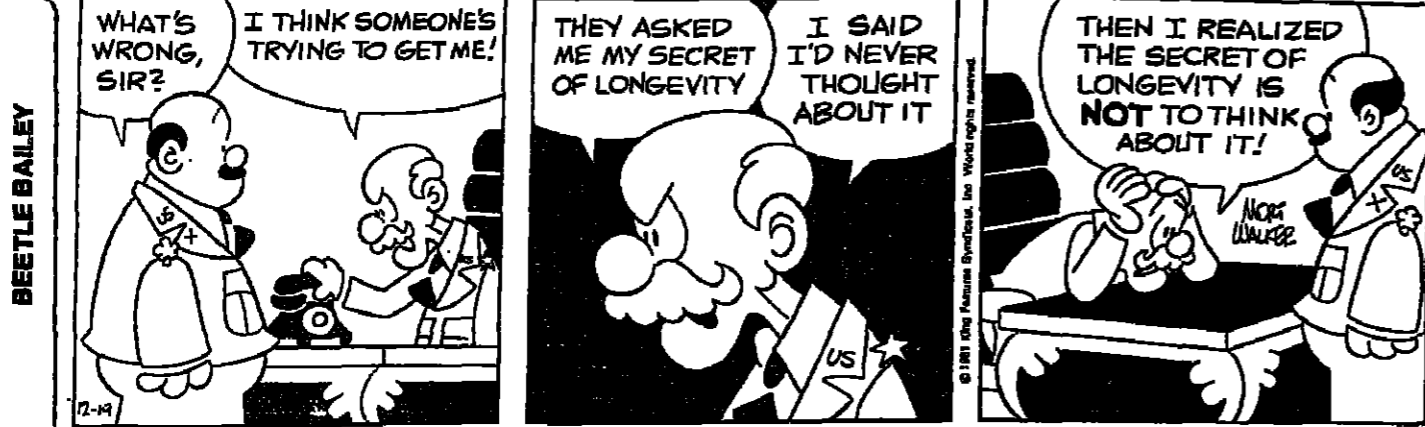
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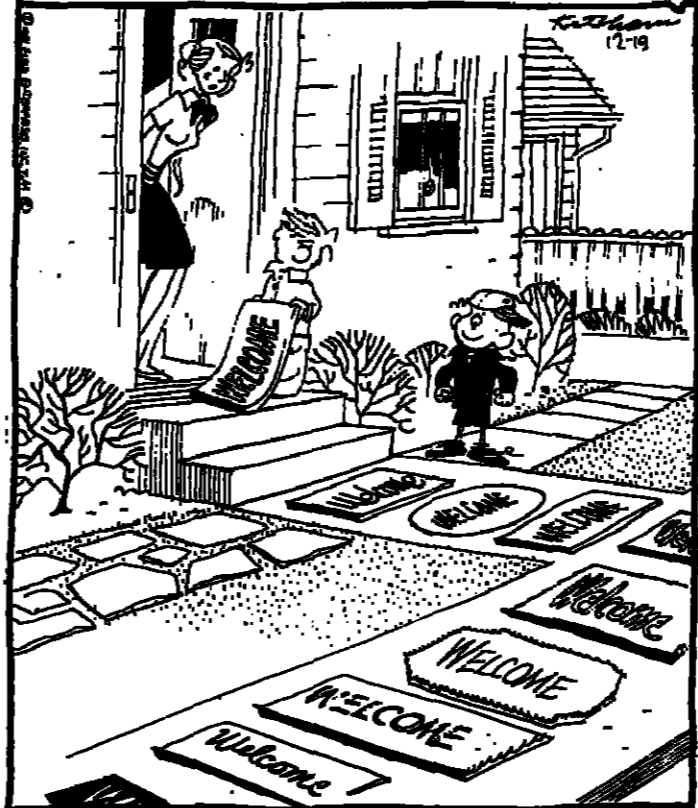
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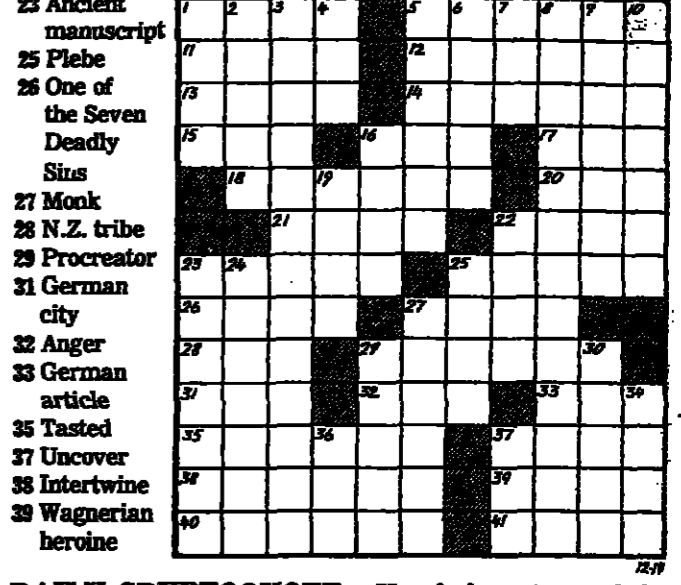
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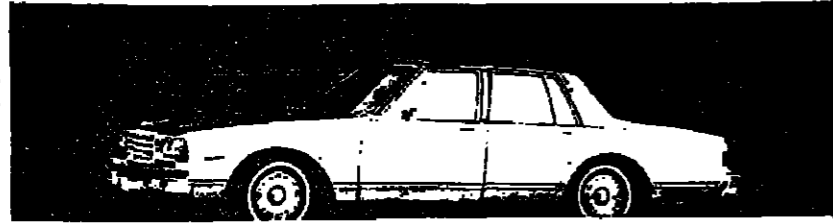


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Mugabe party office wrecked

Five killed in Salisbury blast

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — A powerful bomb ripped through the downtown offices of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ruling ZANU (PF) Party at lunchtime Friday, killing at least five persons, according to the Ministry of Information.

The blast burst office windows for several blocks and showered terrified shoppers with glass. The Ministry of Information, which also said several people were hospitalized with injuries suffered during the explosion, said the cause of the blast was not immediately known.

Aides said Mugabe was at lunch and away from the building when the explosion occurred. Shoppers tended the wounded on the sidewalks as they waited for ambulances to arrive. A top fire brigade officer said, "there are an awful lot of wounded."

Several severely injured persons were reported to have been carried out of a bakery next to the ZANU office.

The top floors of the building housing the ZANU office appeared to be near collapse. Police and soldiers formed a line to keep bystanders away.

Salisbury residents said it was the most serious explosion of its type since 1977, during the guerrilla war that led to Zimbabwean independence, when a bomb in a department store killed 11 and injured 76.

The national news agency Ziana reported that the ZANU-PF central committee had been due to meet in the building during the afternoon for one of a regular series of get-togethers. More than half the cabinet who are also central committee members would normally attend such a meeting, it said.

The news agency reported all exit points from Zimbabwe at borders and airports — had been closed after the explosion.

"We believe there are some bodies in there," a police officer said as stretcher bearers removed a dozen persons from the scene. Officials of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) Party staggered dazed from the four-story building, some sobbing and others screaming hysterically.

"It went off there," an official, his face bloodied, said pointing to a gaping hole in the roof over the top floor. Army bomb disposal experts ordered witnesses and reporters to clear the block, strewn with glass, rubble and the mangled remains of festival bunting on display in shop windows. "There could be another one," an army engineer said.

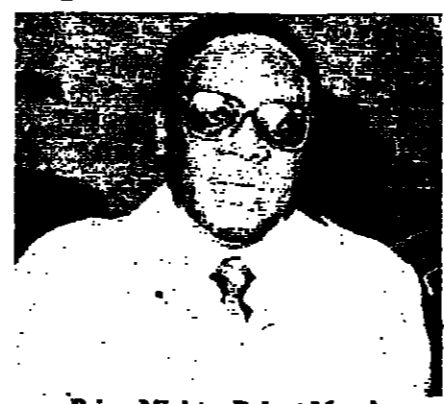
Four fire-engines showered the three buildings — the Charles Niven Building housing ZANU (PF) headquarters and two flanking it — damaged most in the explosion that went off at 1:20 p.m.

The blast shook buildings and houses for several miles around the city. One fireman

said he counted several wounded. Bodies were still being removed from the northwest bakery on the ground floor 45 minutes later.

The explosion wrecked a pharmacy and the Hard Rock Cafe-Restaurant, immediately beneath the ZANU (PF) offices in the building. A grim-faced Information Minister Nathan Ehamuyarira inspected the damaged and was briefed by officials.

Some members of a large crowd of black onlookers were in an angry mood. One white television cameraman said he was beaten up and chased by about 200 persons and a white reporter had his notebook torn from his hands by a man who said "you are the ones who have done this to our people."



Prime Minister Robert Mugabe

In many countries Press laws tightened

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — More governments in the developed and developing worlds are introducing legislation to stem freedom of speech, according to the International Press Institute's annual world press freedom review for 1981, published Friday.

The institute's review points the finger strongly at the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for giving an air of acceptability to a variety of laws aimed at controlling the media.

With regard to journalists whose lives are endangered or whose work is obstructed, the institute says that the situation has worsened considerably during the past year.

In the case of Canada, the review cites the recent Kent Royal Commission on newspaper concentration which suggested, among other things, the setting up of a press rights panel to act as a watchdog over the press and monitor every newspaper's performance and exercise superior court powers.

The case of Spain is particularly worrisome as it appears to have taken a step back to the Franco era with the recent introduc-

tion of a law which gives the government the power to close any newspaper or radio station that defends terrorism.

South Africa now has about 100 laws and regulations which declare "no-go" areas for reporting certain issues.

Turkey has been widespread detention of journalists and suspension of newspapers since the military coup last year. And toward the end of the year, 102 producers, announcers and even cameramen in the state broadcasting organization were purged, forcing many of them into internal exile.

Britain introduced the Contempt of Court Act, a widely despised law which puts considerable pressure on reporters and editors covering the most basic of trials. And within months of its introduction, the law was being exercised to the full with half a dozen contempt cases coming to court.

In charting press freedom over the year, the institute says that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find more than about 20 countries where total freedom of speech can be said to exist. And invariably where it does, there are still a variety of restrictions.

Expected to go up U.K. inflation rises to 12%

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Britain's annual inflation rate rose to 12 percent in November, up from 11.7 percent in October and the highest level since March, the government reported Friday.

Prices rose by 1.1 percent in November, largely due to a general increase in home mortgage interest rates from 13 to 15 percent. There were also increases in the cost of utilities, and such foods as eggs and meats.

The figure is the highest since an annual rate of 12.6 percent last March and is a setback for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government in its bid to keep this winter's round of pay settlements in single figures, controlling inflation is the main plank of Mrs. Thatcher's monetarist economic policy.

With more increases planned for rail fares, telephone charges and other items on the retail prices index, the government expects inflation to rise in the next two months.

The annual rate — a cumulative total for the year ending in November — compares with equivalent rates of 14.1 percent in France and 10.2 percent in the United States.

The inflation rates seem likely to become

worse for several months, but the government expects that by the end of 1982 the annual rate will have fallen back to 10 percent. The government had hoped to reduce the rate to 8 percent by August 1982.

The worsening inflation outlook is likely to stiffen union resistance to pressure for low settlements in pay negotiations. The 12 percent figure is three times the 4 percent level that Mrs. Thatcher would like to see applied to pay awards in the public sector.

Several major disputes are threatened in the new year. At the Ford Auto Firm, 54,000 workers are due to strike from Jan. 5 after rejecting a pay rise offer of 7.4 percent.

A quarter of a million miners are due shortly to be asked to confirm their leaders' rejection of an improved 10.5 percent rise in response to a 24 percent demand.

There is also growing tension in the steel and rail transport sectors.

One reason for such fears is the election last week of extreme leftist militant Arthur Scargill as leader of the miners who was largely responsible for the electoral defeat of Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath in 1974.

Mintoff sworn in amid row

VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Maltese Socialist Dom Mintoff was sworn in as this sunny Mediterranean island's premier Friday amid bitter accusations by opponents, government officials reported.

Mintoff's Labor Party won the general election held Saturday with a three-seat parliamentary majority but the opposition Nationalist Party of staunchly pro-Western Edward Fenech Adami did not concede defeat. The Nationalists said Mintoff should decline the mandate to power as they had polled 51 percent of the votes cast and Mintoff "could not carry out the majority will."

The Nationalists obtained 114,132 votes — nearly 5,000 more than the Labor Party. But Labor won 34 of the 65 seats in the island's single chamber House of Representatives.

Mintoff, aged 65, was sworn in by President Anton Buttigieg at the Grandmaster's Palace in this island capital, opening his third successive administration.

Prem set to form Thai coalition

BANGKOK, Dec. 18 (R) — Eight members of the Thai government including Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila resigned Friday to enable Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda to form a new coalition cabinet.

Deputy Prime Minister Prachuab Suntharangkul and two ministers in the prime minister's office resigned Thursday. Gen. Prem said this week that he would reshuffle the cabinet to bring into the coalition the Social Action Party (SAP), Thailand's largest political group.

SAP leader, former Prime Minister Kukrit

Pramoj, told reporters he would hold a final round of talks Friday with Gen. Prem who had offered the SAP nine portfolios. The SAP left the government last March following a dispute over a controversial oil deal.

SAP will bolster the government's parliamentary strength in the face of increasing support for former Premier Kriangsak Chomanan, apparently seeking a comeback with his National Democracy Party. The new cabinet will be Gen. Prem's third since he came into power in March 1980.

Eastern leaders arrive in Moscow for summit

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (AP) — The leaders of Romania, Bulgaria and East Germany arrived in Moscow Friday to take part in celebrations marking the 75th birthday of Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, Radio Moscow reported.

Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania, Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria and Erich Honecker of East Germany joined Janos Kadar of Hungary, Gustav Husak of Czechoslovakia and Yumjaagin of Mongolia who arrived Thursday.

It was not known if Polish Party and government leader Wojciech Jaruzelski would leave Poland to take part in the birthday celebrations. Brezhnev celebrates his 75th birthday Saturday.

The Eastern bloc leaders were expected to hold a summit in Moscow amid speculation about whether Jaruzelski will attend in person.

Poland would certainly be represented,

Polish sources said. An unofficial Soviet source added that Gen. Jaruzelski might himself make a quick trip to Moscow for the occasion, but everything depended "on the situation in Warsaw."

Brezhnev is to host a lunch Saturday, after which the Socialist bloc leaders will begin leaving Moscow. A communique will be issued after the meeting, but it was not known if it would mention the situation in Poland.

In an unrelated development Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Choupek, who arrived in Bonn on a 48-hour visit, had a second and last round of talks Friday with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and stressed that there should be no foreign interference in Poland.

Choupek is the first minister from a Warsaw Pact state to visit a Western country since Sunday's proclamation of a state of siege in Poland.

After referendum Levesque may control party

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 (R) — Premier Rene Levesque, popular symbol of demands for Quebec's independence from Canada, looks like regaining control of his crisis-torn party, which he lost this month to radical separatist firebrands.

A referendum in early February will enable the 300,000 members of the Parti Quebecois (PQ), which has governed Canada's only predominantly French-speaking province for the past five years, to give their verdict on how it should go about achieving its independence goal.

They will also decide the political future of Levesque, who threatened to resign last week after his moderate, step-by-step approach was overthrown.

The diminutive, chain-smoking Levesque has led the PQ since its formation in 1968 and his resignation would throw Quebec's nationalist movement into chaos, as he stressed during a week of turmoil and uncertainty. But the 59-year-old premier, popular among Quebec's 6.5 million people, is confident he will win the referendum and remain premier and, reluctantly, PQ president as well.

"I'm pretty confident it would be rather an overwhelming majority," he told reporters after the 15-member PQ executive council called the referendum for Feb. 6 and 7. The militants' ascendancy came as a shock to Canadians, and to Levesque, at a 2,000-delegate PQ policy convention.

And while Quebec remains far from independence, the argument is not merely academic. The Quebec issue is Canada's most serious political problem, and will largely determine its long-term survival as a united federation.

The convention overwhelmingly made "sovereignty" — unconditional independence — the party's platform, rejecting the old policy of "sovereignty-association", a diluted form of independence with an economic common market with Canada.

They also declared "sovereignty" should be proclaimed if the PQ won the next provincial election, due in three or four years. This made the criterion a bare majority of legislative seats, rather than a majority of the popular vote on which Levesque has always insisted. The resolutions were major reverses for Levesque, who branded them "aberrations" and "anti-democratic."

PQ members voting in the February referendum will face a question dealing with Quebec's "democratic accession to sovereignty" and "a firm offer of association with Canada."

Levesque will have been vindicated at the grassroots of the party and his moderate policies re-established. But the PQ's internal problems will not necessarily have been solved, and he will still have to deal with dissatisfied separatists and leftists who joined forces to protest against the moderation of its independence policies.

They were frustrated by the defeat by a 40-60 margin of the "sovereignty association" policy in a provincial referendum last year, though Levesque claimed the percentage of support had since crept up to 44.

The final straw was last month's agreement on reform of Canada's constitution between Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the premiers of the nine other provinces, which Levesque, alone of the premiers, refused to sign.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

My old roommate from university days. Hadn't seen him for years when we met recently at a friend's house. It took us a few minutes to recognize each other, time having worked us both over in its far from gentle or flattering way.

"I heard it said," I told him, "that age means you stop growing at both ends and start growing in the middle. But much more than that has happened to you." "And to you," he said. "But I started so I'll go on. You can have your turn when I finish."

"First," I said, "the hair. Where's that luxurious black thatch of yesteryear?" "One part is white because of Arab politics," he said, "the other part is white because of marriage."

"And the part no longer there?" I asked. "That, he answered sadly, "was the effect of the 1967 war. The end of the world as far as our generation was concerned."

"What about the weight you gained, and all those lines on your forehead?" "Both from Lebanon," he said. "The extra fat was from the good times before the civil war. The lines are of the sorrows and fears of the time during and after the war."

I said, "at least there's wisdom with age..." and he said "if you call giving up on everything wisdom; if you call living from day to day wisdom; if you call realizing the best is behind you wisdom... But what about you," he said, "tell me about your hair, your..."

"Ditto, ditto and ditto," I said. "It's the same story, so why double your sorrows. We're certainly not the first generation which thought it will inherit the earth. We certainly won't be the last."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awas

Workers protest British decision on Gibraltar doc

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 18 (R) — The majority of Gibraltar's workers converged on the Legislative House of Assembly Friday to demonstrate against the British government's decision to close the Royal Navy dockyard here in 1983, informed sources said.

The workers, backed by the British Crown Colony's Chamber of Commerce, were supporting a motion put before the assembly condemning the proposed closure of Gibraltar's main employer and endorsing a decision of the dockyard employees and trade union movement to fight it.

Gibraltar's Chief Minister Sir Joshua Hassan has just reported to the assembly's elected members on the failure of this week's London talks to reverse the decision.

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law and a dangerous aggravation of tensions in the Middle East. A statement from the official Soviet news agency Tass said the action was "closely linked with the militaristic policy of the United States."

It said: "Tass is authorized to state that this decision is regarded in the leading circles of the Soviet Union... as a gross violation of the U.N. Charter and international law. This action of Israel, a provocative and hostile one toward the Arabs, and directly toward the Syrian Arab Republic, is leading to a still more dangerous aggravation of the situation in the Middle East."

In a related development, Arab League sources said in Tunis that a ministerial meeting of the 22-member Arab League will be held Monday to discuss the Israeli annexation. They added that the meeting would probably take place in Tunis.

Text

12 Aug. 1949 continue to apply to the Syrian territory occupied by Israel since June 1967.

4. Requests the secretary-general to report to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution within two weeks and decides that in the event of non-compliance by Israel, the Security Council would meet urgently, and not later than 5 Jan. 1982, to consider taking necessary measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

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